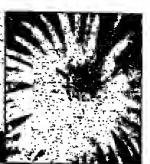


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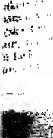
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Rape victim's foul court ordeal

HELEN NOWICKA

The issues raised by a rape trial in which a woman was forced a history of sexual offences, to rare but we will give considerto relive her ordeal during six

Tube strike called off While the RMT rail union re-

fuctantly agreed to call off Tube

stoppages in London, the hard-left Socialist Labour Party was accused of blocking settlements

of disputes with seven rail op-crators which will be hit today hy 24-hour strikes. Page 2

Charlty fights on

women's groups have called for victims were adequately pro-a change in the law which al-tected and would review the trilowed Ralston Edwards, who has al. "Cases like this are extremely

studied by the Horize Cliffic and the Old Bailey trial. sent, only children cannot be en her support to the campaign if she had commented in the getting some kind of, sexual size of his genitals.

Was announced last night of the Old Bailey trial, sent, only children cannot be en her support to the campaign if she had commented in the getting some kind of, sexual size of his genitals.

During the trials cannot be en her support to the campaign on the issue.

After Edwards conviction the court was told that he had support organisations of police, where the sum of the court was told that he had on when he attacked her in previous convictions for rape

the 16-hour attack in minute de-tail. The 34-year-old woman had through, "she said. South London last December.

Detective Sergeant Milne to be prescribed tranquillisers during the hearing, and after convictions for rape, asked vestigation, said he was sure Edquestion the woman in intimate ation to the issues that have one exchange left the courtroom

Edwards, who has previous Davidson, who led the police in-

wards had "enjoyed every

face life imprisonment. Ed-wards has asked to he legally represented at the next hearing.

During the trial, Judge Goddard told the jury that Ed-wards had the right to represent himself, adding the rules would have to be "somewhat flexible" because of his lack of legal training. She repeatedly interrupted his questioning to explain prop-

> him not to question the witness repeatedly on the same point. Yesterday, as pressure grew for a review of the law to pro-

er court procedure, and warned

harm to his partner. In 1991, he

dard told Edwards he was a. dangerous man" who could

sexually motivated attacks.

saults, Julie Bindel, of Justice for Women, said: "He has assaulted that poor woman all Adjourning sentence until over again but this time in pubit should never been allowed to happen."

A spokesman for the Bar Council said it was concerned about the effect on a victim of an open-ended cross-examina-

tion. "There should be a limit." Malcolm Fowler, deputy vicepresident of the Birmingham Law Society, warned, however, that there were dangers in altering court procedures for one sphere of litigation. "It simply won't hold water to say that rape cases are in a category by themselves. To do away with the normai rules would be deeply unwise because it could mean the

A cruel spectator sport that women dread



Reliving the ordeal: An artist's Impression shows how Mrs' X broke down under cross-examination by Raiston Edwards

Raiston Edwards first found this loophole in the law four years ago, when he was accused of two separate assaults on women. He defeuded himself against charges of lying on top of one of them and beating ber with his fists. Interrogating her gave him his first taste of intimidating his victims across

the court room.

Rape victims make notoriously bad witnesses. Canny defence barristers know well that they can be made to quake and quall under intense questioning. They can be made confused and distressed by having to describe in an open court room disgusting things that have happened to them. They can find that they have to defend themselves. All this may make them trip up, contradict them-



By Polly Toynbee

selves or sound like unreliable witnesses. Imagine how much worse it must be for the victim to be interrogated for six days by the rapist himself, squeezing a last sadistic thrill out of reducing her to wreckage.

The intimidatory tactics of some defence lawyers are thought to be responsible for the shrinking proportion of rape cases that secure a conviction. Although many more them through an intermediary, women do come forward to re- as children are in sex abuse cas-

JASON BENNETTO

Crime Correspondent

identity card by stealth.

a gentler reputation in dealing with the crime, many victims are still thought to hide in fear and shame, Ralston Edwards will have struck a clever blow far rapists if women reading about this trial shrink from reporting rape for fear of such an ordeal.

How can rape victims be better protected from such browbeating in future? Some suggest that rape defendents should not have the right to defend themselves in court, but this would breech a most fundamuetal right. Others urge more madestly that women confronted by their attackers should be allowed to give evidence by video from another room, with questions put to

port rape now the police have es. But some lawyers say this would deny justice, since the jury have nothing to go nn but their own assessment of the veracity of the accuser and they need to see and sense the qualfty of their character. However. concern expressed yesterday suggests that judges should be able to nider some extra pro-

tection for women. The wider question of why so many rape cases fail needs ex-amination. Getting the balance right is precariously difficult. In this case, justice was done -but terrible damage was done to the victim. Changing the lawon the back of a sensational case is nearly always a mistake. Nonetheless, there is an urgent need for a review of a system that allowed this grotesque scene at the Old Bailey.

of ID card stealth posed to a compulsory system, while civil liberty groups believe

> lenger, who branded the plan "un-British", and described the inclusion of the Enropean Union logo on the card as the "ultimate bumiliation". He called on Mr Howard to abandon the scheme. It is believed that only the opposition from outside groups, parlicularly the police, and the prospect of having to pay more than £600m to give every citizen

a card, prevented the scheme being made compulsory. The card will be available to children as well as adults, despite a recommendation by the Common's Home Affairs Sciect Committee of a lower age limit of 16. Mr Howard said the card would assist the police in tackling some

both are unnecessary. The

scheme came under further at-

tack by John Redwood, the

former Tory leadership chal-

ing as an alternative passport. The Government is expected to bring in legislation in the autumn and the cards could be

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Germans bring Ministers accused hope of cut in interest rates

Business Correspondent

Supporters of a new anti-gun thanty vowed to continue after Hopes of another cut in the cost its founder resigned amid alleof borrowing were boosted yesterday as a much bigger than ex-pected reduction in German true identity and a criminal interest rates sent rates tumbling

across Europe. The prospect of lower UK interest rates was further strengthened by official figures showing little in the way of in-flationary pressures in industry or the High Street.

"Another cut in UK rates is now definitely on the cards," said Simon Briscoc, an economist with stockbrokers Nikko.

Events moved rapidly after the influential German central bank, the Bundesbank, slashed its key short-term interest rate by 0.3 percentage points, to just 3 per cent. It takes the rate to its lowest level since 1979.

The Germans had been expected to cut rates in an attempt to kick-start the flagging econ-omy and stem an alarming increase in unemployment But in a surprise move, the

French central bank followed

terest rates. Previously, economists had thought a reduction in French rates had virtually been ruled by out by recent weakness of the franc.

Speculation of another cut in UK rates sent the stock market surging to another record high, with the FTSE index of 100 leading shares jumping 19 points, to close at 3891.1. Consumer spending between

April and June was lower than at the beginning of the year, a sign that rising house prices and improving high street confidence have not triggered a damaging high-street boom. And there was more good

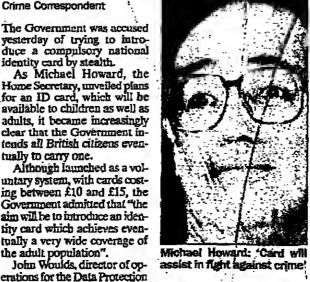
news for the Treasury on infla-

tion, with a CBI survey showing manufacturers have no intention of putting up prices. "The Chancellor has either been extremely lucky or he's got danger that there is going to be a compulsory card [introduced] via the backdoor. I'm sure that remarkable judgement, because just about every decision he's made on interest rates has been

right, "said one City economist.

Interest rates fall across

Home Secretary, unveiled plans for an ID card, which will be available to children as well as adults, it became increasingly clear that the Government intends all British citizens eventually to carry one. Although launched as a voluntary system, with cards costing between £10 and £15, the Government admitted that "the aim will be to introduce an identity card which achieves eventually a very wide coverage of the adult population".
John Woulds, director of operations for the Data Protection Registrar's Office, the official regulator, said: "There is a



find you can't open a bank account or hire a television on credit without an ID card."

Even Mr Howard admitted yesterday that although the new card would be voluntary, what may happen in the future fectively as time goes on ... you and the police are strongly op-

less serious crime as well as act-

available by next summer.

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will happen in the future."

He added: "What is voluntary

today becomes compulsory ef-

Something on you, page 3

Hard left blamed for rail strikes

BARRIE CLEMENT

The hard-left Socialist Labour Party was yesterday accused of hlocking settlements of industrial disputes at seven train operating companies which will

be hit today by 24-hour strikes.
At Loodon Underground however a reluetant RMT transport union, which is heavily influenced by the SLP, called off stoppages by drivers which were due to affect Tube services today and next Tuesday.

The ahandonment of the industrial action came in the

formula earlier this week by drivers belonging to the drivers' union, Aslet, and the imposition of the settlement on all crew by Londoo Underground yester-day. Management welcomed the decision to call off the action and insisted the deal accepted by RMT was exactly the same as that signed by Aslef. "They have finally seen sense," said a spokesman for London Underground However, RMT Officials claimed they had wrung

extra concessions. Attempts to avoid disruption at the seven train companies came to nothing. The impact on timetables will vary depending on how many guards are RMT members. South Wales and West will be worst worst hit with most of the 500 trains cancelled.

Managers at some of the train operators, formerly part of British Rail, claim that local union representatives have been prevented from signing agreements by the 12-strong rail executive of the RMT, six members of which are members of Arthur Scargill's SLP. A similar accusation had

been made by senior officials at

London Underground. Their colleagues in Asief had already accepted the deal which concedes a 35-hour working week by 1998, hut which only allows for a pay rise of 2 per cent be-low the inflation rate.

A spokesman for the RMT insisted that the "general grades" executive had gone out of its way to arrive at an agreement with London Under-ground. Union officials vesterday met representatives of conciliation service Acas and reached agreement.

In the national rail network it is understood that the union

agreement on all 25 train operators and has been keen to prevent local negotiations. The "overground" dispute centres on claims by guards, conductors and catering staff for

extra payments to reward in-creased productivity. A half-hourly service beween Milton Keynes and Euston is among the trains North London Railways is planning to run and at Regional Railways North East it is hoped to oper-ate a quarter of the timetable. North West Regional Railways

are to offer most hourly trains

from Manchester airport to Manchester Piccadilly... All electric trains in Strath-

clyde will run as normal and among other ScotRail services will be hourly trains between Edinburgh and Glasgow."

Inquiries about services can be made on 0345 484950.

A fresh attempt will be made today to resolve the postal dispute which yesterday crippled services for the sixth time. The Communication Workers' Union said the 24-hour strike was as solid as the previous stoppage, but managers said millions of letters were delivered.

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sion of nothing was resolved yes-

terday as the Court of Appeal told Polo that a hole by any oth-

er name would taste as sweet. What happens to the middle

of Polo mints has been debat-

ed by bar-room philosophers ad

infinition. But now we know

that, whatever it is, Nestle UK.

Polo's makers, cannot guaran-

tee exclusive rights to the title

The company had tried to get

ao iojunctioo stopping the American sweet, Life Savers, being marketed in Britain as the

original mint with a hole". It

argued the public could become

said there was nothing in the

evidence to suggest that the public would believe that Life

Derek Wilson, joint manag-ing director of Trustin the

Foodfinders, the company who hope to import Life Savers, said

it was no longer planning to use the line "the original mint with

the hole", but reminded Nestle that Savers had been in exis-

ence far longer. Looking like

lifebelts, the sweets were created in 1912 "For That Stormy

A spokeswoman for Nestle said last night that it was "dis-appointed" that the interim in-

junction had not been granted, adding: The action under com-

mon law is still pending."

Breath".

Savers are a Nestle sweet. "They will realise they are a rival product," he said, refusing leave to appeal against a High Court decision earlier this week.

confused between the two. But Lord Justice Aldons, in his judgment with Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Saville,

"the mint with a hole".

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

A 13-year-old boy was rescued yesterday after calling coastguards to say his father had fallen overboard from their yacht. The 45-year-old yachtsman, who had no lifejacket, was later picked up in heavy seas off the south Coruwall coast, but died soon afterwards.

The boy had been asteen and woke up to find himself.

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The boy had been asleep and woke up to find himself alone aboard the *Timonaire*, sailing from Falmouth to Plymouth, said a coastguard spokesman. The boy's father was airlifted from the water about a mile and a half from the vessel, after being spotted by the warship HMS *Rochuck*. The boy was taken to Fowey, and placed in social services care.

The small community of Great Wyrley in Staffordshire was in shock after learning that 16-year-old Lucy Burchell had been found murdered. The teenager had been reported missing from her parents' home last Thursday. She had been due to learn her GCSE results yesterday. Her elassmates were said to be devastated by the news. Teachers said she would have been pleased with her eight GCSE passes.

Two sea cadets found her body behind a nightclub near Edgbaston reservoir in Birmingham. It is thought she lay undiscovered for four days. Detectives believe she was strangled.

A Japanese trawler detained inside Irish territorial waters was last night escorted by a fisheries protection vessel to Castletownbere in County Cork where its captain will face charges of illegal fishing. The Minato Manu, one of a 40-strong Japanese fleet massed off County Galway, is the first non-EU registered vessel held in Irish waters in two years. A second wassel was also being searched for evidence years. A second vessel was also being searched for evidence

of fishing in Irish waters. Irish fisheries surveillance officers believe the Japanese, pursuing Atlantic tuna, had laid long "monofilament" lines linked to radio beacons and were waiting for Irish monitoring to end before retrieving them. But Irish naval officers warned the monitoring is to continue. Alan Murdoch

Preast reduction should be available on the NHS and not rationed like other forms of cosmetic surgery, researchers said yesterday. A study by doctors in Oxford published in the British Medical Journal showed the operation greatly improves the physical, social and psychological well being of women who undergo it. Most of the women surveyed sought the operation to relieve pain in the back, shoulder or neck. Afterwards, they were more able to take part in sports and other activities after treatment and their self esteem received a boost. Glenda Cooper

A senior university computer technician has been arrested and charged as part of an inquiry into the alleged international distribution of child pornography on the internet. Father-of-three Robert Bickerstaffe, 48, who works at Liverpool University, was bailed to appear before Liverpool magistrates on 19 September, charged with possessing indecent photographs of children.

Bristol is planning a £98m "glasshouse" arts centre.
The futuristic style of the Centre for the Performing Arts at the city's historic dockside would rival the Pompidou Centre in Paris. The huge building would have glass walls so that all four floors would be open to view.

The Centre would form the core of a redevelopment plan at the city's Millennium site at harbourside. It would stand alongside the proposed natural history media centre, Wildscreen World, and a hands-on science centre, Science World An application has been made for £75m from the Arts Council of England Land Unit.

Offot has warned the Nath Lottery organiser, Camelot, that it will "accurate of convincing" to allow it to set up its own brand df beer and champagne. Camelot announced on Wednesday that it was considering lending

The number of people with long-term illnesses increases sharply as unemployment rises because the long-term sick find it difficult to get back into work when there are few jobs around. The rates are exacerbated amongst the lowest social classes whereas the professional

and managerial classes remain relatively unscathed.

A study in the British Medical Journal of men aged between 20 and 59 over a 20-year period found that when unemployment was low, nearly all men with chronic diseases continued to work. But during the 1980s recession, the impact of unemployment fell disproportionately on low-skilled manual workers. Glenda Cooper

A man acquitted on three previous rape charges was jailed for 12 years yesterday, after he sexually attacked two women in 24 hours. Sexual psychopath Nicholas Laloo told both women "You girls are all the same, you deserve it", as he subjected them to "horrible" sex assaults, and threatened to kill them, the Old Bailey heard.

Laloo was cleared of rape in 1994 at trial. Since then he has been accused twice. The first case collapsed after the complainant had a nervous breakdown. The second, in Weston Super Mare, was dropped before it reached court.

rench police investigating the murder of the British schoolgirl, Caroline Dickinson, last month are to solicit information from police in the port of St-Malo, where a man was detained earlier this week in connection with a series of recent rapes in the region. A source close to the murder inquiry was quoted by the French news agency AFP as saying that they were treating the arrest "very seriously". A DNA test is to be conducted shortly. Mary Dejevsky

American scientists have found genetic proof of a third hranch of life on Earth, indirectly strengthening the possibility that it could also have arisen on Mars, An American team has completed mapping of the DNA of tiny unicellular organisms known as "archaea", first discovered in 1977. They had always posed "an intriguing and incompletely resolved puzzle" about life and evolution.

researchers write in today's edition of the journal Science.

Now they have identified and sequenced the DNA in one type of archaea, and found that two-thirds of its genes are different from any encountered before.

Pryn Estyn - an apology: On 20 June, we published an Darticle about Bryn Estyn HM Approved School, which suggested that boys were being physically abused there throughout the 1960s. We now accept that this report was inaccurate and misleading, and apologise for the distress caused to former Bryn Estyn staff. Letters, page 11



Pigs might fly as thatchers' battle raises the rooftops



Before now the good people of Aldbourne and Chilton Foliat, two villages nestling on the Berkshire-Wiltshire border, were content with model pheasants adorning their thatched

But times move on and fashions change and now you are on one aound here if you have not got a straw cat or a pig padding across your roof. Thatched animal figures have long been a tradition in the area hnt the latest cavalcade of thatch topiary is the talk of the town. Residents are trying to outdo each other with more elaborate designs woven into

They are employing thatchers to include

cats, toads, and even a pig on the skyline. One resident, Louise Stacey, from Aldbourne, was proud of the new cat on her roof. "It seemed like a really good idea to have a thatched cat on the roof of my house because I have three cats myself and they have always been my favourite animal."

Thatcher Andy Aldiss has been weaving roofs for 13 years and has just crafted a toad which has appeared on one bouse,

appropriately named Toad Hall. Toad Hall's owner, Nick Wentforth-Allen, said: "We've had lots of people stopping and laughing. It's certainly added sparkle to people's lives." Photographs: John Lawrence

Fear over mad sheep is 'nonsense'

STEVE BOGGAN

British lamh were described as exports. unjustified by Brussels yester-day as Welsh farmers threat-by Werner Zwingmann, a Gerened a tit-for-tat boycott of German goods.

Claims by a German government spokesman that mad cow disease could cross over into sheep were dismissed as nonsense by EU experts, the British government, farmers

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However, last night farmers feared damage may already

man agriculture ministry official, who warned consumers off British lamb during an interview on German television. He said: "Until this is cleared up by the European Union's scientific panels, [consumers] should give preference to sheep meat from other countries.

"I do not want to say that there is a concrete danger for German calls for a han on have been done to British consumers. There are too many holes in what we know, and

these must be filled quickly. Mr Zwingmann's comments appeared to have been based on reports of laboratory experiments in which sheep contracted BSE after being exposed to huge doses. However, not a single sheep has ever displayed BSE-type symptoms outside a laboratory.

Last night Nikolaus van der Pas, the European Commission's chief spokesman, poured scorn on the German advice. We don't support any such recommendation because we don't

Commission described Mr Zwingmann's statements as "alarmist and unscientific". Its spokesman, Phil Saunders, said: "There has not been one case in Europe of a sheep contracting 'mad cow disease. It is

almost incredible that the min-

istry could be so irresponsible

see any grounds for it," he said.

The Meat and Livestock

panie in their own country Richard Lacey, professor of against all science, logic and medical microbiology at Leeds Welsh farmers, who could be of the government over food

hit particularly hard by a German ban, said they were considering calling for a boycott of German tractors and farm machinery under a slogan: "If it's Jerry built, don't buy it." Last year, Welsh farmers exported £113m worth of lamb to Germany: Britain as a whole exported 47,600 sheep and 4,275 tonnes of mutton.

Spokesman Gwillym Thomas said: "They export about £200m a year in farm equipment and tractors to us each year, but if they are going to boycott our products on such spurious grounds, then we'll boycott

There is a lot of anger here that someone can make such irresponsible claims without thinking of the terrible economic damage they can cause." While Conservative MPs joined in condemnation of the Germans, they received support

crises from salmonella in to BSE and its links with CJD, described the German claims as ridiculous. **GLENDA COOPER** They are claiming there is a A legal battle over the posses-

University, a thorn in the side

link between BSE in cattle and scrapie in sheep, but they are two separate diseases," he said,
"The incidence of BSE in cat-tle increased exponentially from seven m 1986 to 36,000 in 1993, but during the same period sheep scrapie stood at about 3-400 a year and it's falling."

However, he added: "There is still blame to be laid at the feet of the government because for years they lied to the world bout the cause of BSE, saying it had heen caused by scrapieinfected feed. Now that there are suspicions

that BSE is causing a new type of Creuzfeldt Jakob Disease in humans, they can't really complain that the rest of the world is concerned about eating our as to start a new consumer from an unlikely source. sheep."

Holidays are ruined by impossible flight plans

Tour operators cause "terrible delays" for holidaymakers by running flights too close together, according to the Consumers' Association.

from their summer holidays.

However, the Federation of Tour Operators said that flight a number of scheduling committees and that "99 per cent of

," Mr Tolliday said. "I have one message for peo-ple flying off for the bank hol-iday weekend - expect delays.

Airlines must not make empty promises about flight times. Air-traffic delays in Europe are becoming an increasing problem yet there is an amazing amount of tight scheduling by airlines," he added.

Tour operators and charter airlines should get more realis-tic about how long flights take. They should not make promises they can't keep."
This weekend is the husiest for Gatwick, Britain's higgest with the situation. holiday airport, which was yes-

terday preparing to cater for 370,000 passengers over four days. Saturday is expected to be husiest, with an estimated 102,000 people passing through. The airport in West Sussex experienced lengthy delays and a passenger revolt early in the week. More details emerged yesterday of a sit-in by 50 passengers who arrived there last daymakers get a good deal, but it's always the delays that make the news," Mr Flook Monday after their flight from

Malaga in Spain was delayed more than 11 hours. The irate group, who claimed not to have received any re-freshment or accommodation at Malaga, was eventually pacified by promises of a one-off £100 compensation paid out is not enough." payment from Goldcrest, the aircraft leasing company.



MATTHEW BRACE

The accusations come as airports are coping with one of the husiest periods of the year, with thousands of people ex-pected to leave Britain for the bank holiday weekend as well as those starting or returning

times were the responsibility of holidaymakers get a good deal". Bob Tolliday, project man-ager for the association's Hol-iday Which? magazine, said yesterday that travel firms were

running "vastly over-optimistic" programmes which took no account of delays in Europe.
"People are suffering terrible delays, their holidays are being ruined and they are not getting the compensation they de-

Goldcrest, part of the Inspirations travel group, warned that the £100 payment was very much a one-off thing and that another time police might be called to clear the aircraft of

protestors.
The Air Transport Users
Council said that calling the police might be described as "a bit heavy", while Mr Tolliday won-dered whether such a policy was really the best way of dealing

Alan Flook, general secretary of the Federation of Tour Operators, said that flight times were the responsibility of various scheduling committees. "Brochures are often out be-fore schedules are finalised. Generally, 99 per cent of holi-

"The situation at Gatwick last week was horrific - the worst since the late Eightles. It should not have happened. It's up to tour operators to look after delayed holidaymakers to the best of their ability. I would agree that there are times when the



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The national identity card will

not be compulsory and at least initially will hold relatively little

information about individuals.

But it is nne more step in a

world where growing oumbers

of agencies from private com-

panies to ceotral and local gov-ernment hold ever-increasing

amounts of computerised and

cross-referrable informatioo

about individuals, their present

and past lives and their lifestyles.

formation - though one of the best protected - is the decenni-

al census, providing a mass of m-

formation on the 58 million

people in the United Kingdom.

It is broken down only to ward

level, however - data on indi-viduals is not disclosed. The In-

land Revenue holds details of the

declared income and taxation of

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The police hold details of con-

victions and cautions, and in

some cases, such as sexual inci-

dents, information where the de-

fendant was acquitted or charges

dropped, Criminal intelligence

holds information on associates

of people targeted by the police

while MI5 and MI6 have files on

suspects ranging from IRA

bombers to members of groups

judged at times subversive - the

Campaign for Nuclear Disar-

ical records which - subject to

a dispute over patient confi-

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Medical Association and the

National Health Service Exec-

the NHS computer network.

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The Driver and Vehicle Li-

mament, for example,

ceipt of benefits.

One of the biggest sets of in-

But the biggest change in re-cent years has been the growth of commercially held informa-

tion on an individual's lifestyle

and spending patterns - data built up by banks, mortgage

providers and credit-card com-

panies, supermarkets and mag-

azine subscriptioo lists.

Credit-rating companies can

tell a prospective lender your

last recorded address, anyone

you live with over 18, whether

you are bankrupt or have coun-

ty court judgments against you

your present debts on time.
One boom area has been

"lifestyle" surveys - one firm re-

cently seeding out 3 million

questionnaires asking people to

answer 300 questions. The information is then sold for direct

mail. Consumer "loyalty" cards

are also booming, allowing

shops to build up pictures of

their customers' purchasing

habits. Tesco, for example, has

a database of 8 million names.

quires that computerised in-

formatioo solicited for one

purpose must oot be used for

another without permission,

hut John Would, the Data Pro-

tection Registrar's director of operations, said: "I think peo-

ple would be surprised at the

level of information being held

on them ... It is a continual con-

cern that people's personal pri-

Liz Parratt, campaigns coor-

dinator for the civil rights group

Liberty said: "We are drifting to-

wards a surveillance society be-

cause people don't pay sufficient

attention to their rights and

vides targeted marketing data

to companies, says much more

information about individuals

could be assembled if everyone

had an identity number that was

of could be merged. But he said

not believe it would be "com-

mercially attractive for anyone

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Greg Bradford, managing director of CACI, which pro-

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have been reading some of the interviews you have been giving to newspapers recently and what comes over is the extraordinary dedication you have for

He was also attacked by Labour for not probing Mr Major over his record on the economy, tax cuts, Tory splits over Europe or his hopes of reelection. A senior Labour source claimed: "You would not

Labour's chief media spokesman, Sir George said the quesexactly the right tone in such sitthe future."

Mr Hill had written to the ITC following the hroadcast on run-up to the election." 18 July urging an investigation into the Labour Party's formal complaint that News at Ten had "breached the impartiality section of the ITC programme code". He claimed the ques-

A Labour spokesman said



McDonald: Inappropriate tone

ITN said it welcomed the the code on impartiality, and in sisted that Mr McDonald was

The suggestion that a deal was made with Downing Street guaranteeing Mr Major the lead slot in return for the interview, Labour that the tone of Trevor has already been dismissed as McDonald's interview with the "completely untrue" by Stewart

Census ovides data on all 58m people in t.K. although more than million went "missing" in 1991, probably due to the pol ix. Strict prohibitions on disclosure of individual's details Electoral roll s sexual incidents, information may still be held where stendants were acquitted or charges dropped. Security services 16. ranging from IRA bombers to members of CND. ledical records in hospitals and surgenes Social security ational insurance records, plus details on payment of both Inland Revenue etails of income and tax, surrounded by strict rules on ifidentiality and disclosure Local government formation on council-tax and social-services contacts. Finance, banking and credit olds details of credit ratings, salary levels, mortgages

What will the new ID cards reveal about us?

They will be the size of a credcard and there will be a choice of the following cards: a) a joint identity card and drilicence

b) a separate identity card c) a photocard driving licence, for those who decide not to hold an identity card, or for non-resident citizens of the UK:

Will everybody have to carry-

censing Agency (DVLA) knows your car ownership, while BT and other telephone companies know which numbers have been to try it".

"People might find that idea of commercial data being merged frightening," he said. called from your phooe, when "but for me the much higger The photocard driving li-

pulsory cards in the future, which many believe is its real in-

quests for overdrafts and loans, and loan defaults

Consumer "loyalty" cards

hold? The main purpose will be as an identity card, which can be

used instead of a passport in the EU and a small number of other countries, iocluding Liechtenstein.

They will bear photographs of the holder, together with name, signature, address and ure, they might concriment hilds your council tage used the ID number to merge record and details of council tage used the ID number to merge drivers, but the identity cards are voluntary.

The Government has, how netic strip could also be used to

social security details, but there are no proposals for this at the

When will they be introduced? The consultation period ends What information will they on September 20 this year and the Government will then introduce legislation, probably later this autumn, to make the cards available from the sum-

ID cards are another step towards a world where anonymous agencies have our lives on a database

They've all got something on you

mer of 1997. Will they bear a Union Flag? Yes. The identity card will

ever, left the door open for com-pulsory cards in the future, social security details, but there will bear the Union Plag and the EU flag. People in Northern Ireland

will be able to keep existing dri-ving licences which do not bear the Unioo Flag. How much will they cost? Initial estimates put the cost for the ID card at between £10 to £15, and the joint driver's

£20 to £25.

licence and ID card at between

Will the cards have an age re-

combined driving lisence and No. The Home Office hopes - cards have? authority (DVL4 identity card will in addition they will help to stop under-age They are smaller and therebear the 12 stars of the EU logo. youngsters buying alcohol, fore supposed to be more conbeen made yet.

cigarettes, videos and lottery venient than having a passport tickets. venient than having a passport or several different items of ideotification. Will the cards help cut crime?

The Government believes

they will have a limited effect

in stopping minor offences in-

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The Government also believes they will help identify illegal immigrants.

Will it be easy to forge them? No, the card has several spevolving fraud or false identity, such as passing fake cheques or bogus officials conning the pubcial security features, although lic. Police are strongly opposed forgers are certain to attempt to overcome them.

cause they are afraid of damaging their relationship with the public. Who will be responsible for issuing the cards?

The two possibilities at the authority (DVLA) and the Passport Office. No decision has

Information is all in the cards

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Editor

Cards can already store enough data to ideotify us by our digi tised signatures, fingerprints and eveo the unique patterns of blood vessels in our retinas. Given that choice, it is cost and coovenience - rather than precisioo - that will determine what sort of cards we must carry around to identify ourselves.

The ID card announced yesterday contains the minimum of technology - a magnetic stripe, holding security details to prevent forgery. But a few countries are already moving towards smart cards - like credit cards, but with a built-in microchip as national identity cards. South Korea has said that within a couple of years all its citizeos will use them as a combined digital voting slip, pension eotitlemcot and medical insurance certificate, driver's licence (with endorsemeots), health, social security and military service record. In Germany, adults carry smart cards with details of their combined private and public medical insurance - in ef-

feet, an identity card by default. tor. "Biometric checks are a very long way off in the UK," says Emma Newham, editor of But in Britain, cost is a key fac-

IDENTITY CARD



Smart choice: Cost will determine the type card developed

Biometric Technology Today magazine, "There's enough ruckus

volume), and the cost of the reader systems able to commu-nicate with the chip, mean that National Insurance number.

out recently for the Employment Agency in the north of England showed that magnetic stripe cards can store enough data to identify a signature, making it virtually impossible to impersonate someone else.

In a trial in Illinois, claimants for some welfare payments carry smart cards holding their retinal scans. In South Africa, pensioners in the poorer townships use smart cards cootaining a digitised version of their fingerprint. At the payment of-fice they provide their card and put their finger onto a reader: the two must match before they receive their payment.

In Britain, though, "people are used to signing for benefits, but oot to providing their fingerprints", said Andy Lew-cock of AEA Technology, which developed the signature verification software. Similarly, in May the Government awarded a £1bn, eight-year contract to a consortium of companies to automate the Post Office and Benefits Agency's payment sys-tems. The present printed order book that a claimant takes to the payment office will be replaced with a magnetic stripe card, containing the holder's name and These will be phased in over the

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'News at Ten' rapped over Major interview Trevor McDonald, the news anchorman, for seven minutes. referred to Mr Major's "extraordinary dedication? could be

REBECCA FOWLER

News At Ten has been reprimanded by the chairman of the ITC, the independent television watchdog, following an interview with Joho Major last month, which was attacked by the Labour Party as a "fawning" homage and "little more than

a party political broadcast". Sir Genrge Russell agreed that the interview had been "a little too friendly and relaxed" in a letter to the Labour Party yesterday, although the ITC said that Independent Television News, which produces the bulletin, had not breached the watchdog's code.

The interview was given top billing despite the TWA crash in New York in which 230 peopie died. Mr Major spoke to tions in which Mr McDonald

At one point, Mr McDonald, who was accused of grovelling, said to the Prime Minister. "I

have got an interview as fawning as that on Albanian TV."
In the letter to David Hill,

viewed as "inappropriate". He wrote: "We believe that setting uations is something ITN may wish to consider further for

tioning was oot "dispassion-ate" or "even-handed".

yesterday: "We are delighted that the ITC has agreed with Labour that the tone of Trevor Prime Minister was ioappro- Purvis, ITN's chief executive.

priate, and are pleased that the ITC has given a commitment to monitor carefully the impartiality of broadcasters in the

statement from the ITC that News at Ten had not breached merely acting in a characteristically polite manner.



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GCSE students learn to make the grade One in five achieve good pass as families celebrate avecase.

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DOUL HINDUL Education Editor

Schools were celebrating the outstanding success of some of their pupils yesterday as more than half a million teenagers received their GCSE results. Some candidates gained as

many as 11 A*s, the top grade. and some as young as nine secured good passes. The proportion of entrants

gaining grades A-C, the equivalent of the old O-level, was up by I per cent. More than one in five entries now secure a good Overall, the proportion of

entries getting an A* is 3.4 per In some households there were double celchrations. Ronan Astin heard that he had scored 11 A*s in GCSE just a

'I did work hard. I have my school and parents to thank, but I don't

work all the time' week after his brother. Ciaran, got five A grades at A-level.

Ciaran, who will read engineering at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, got his As in maths, physics, chemistry, histury and general studies. The two boys attend fee-paying St Amhrose College, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Catherine Astin, the boys' mother, said; "It is absolutely amazing. We still haven't come down from the clouds from last week. "We haven't put pressure on them. We have never had to tell the boys to wurk. You don't get

those kind of results unless you Mrs Astin is a primary school teacher and her husband a deputy head. Ronan is likely to follow in his hrother's footsteps and take sciences. His younger hrother will take GCSE next

Ronan said: "I did work hard hut I also have the school and my parents to thank for their help and support. I don't work all the time. I play the guitar, football and I swim."

In Sheffield, a 16-year-old, an 11-year-old and their mother all sat GCSE French together. Hafren Williams, aged 11. a pupil at High Storrs comprehensive scored an A* and so did her mother. Her brother got a

Hafren took her French GCSE after spending six months on an exchange io France during her last year at junior school.

Janet Williams, her mother, who teaches social work at Sheffield Hallam University, speaks Italian hut decided she needed to brush up her Olevel French.

Mrs Williams said: "Hafren is fluent. She sounds French and

"When she was in France, her teacher said that her grammar was as good as the hest French upils in the class."
Hafren said: "I hope to do

AS-level French and to learn Spanish alongside the fourthyears next year." Other schools reported stu-

dents with 11 A*s. At Thomas Tallis School, a comprehensive in Greenwich, south London, Susanna Goldschmidt achieved 11 A*s and Katherine Joyce 10

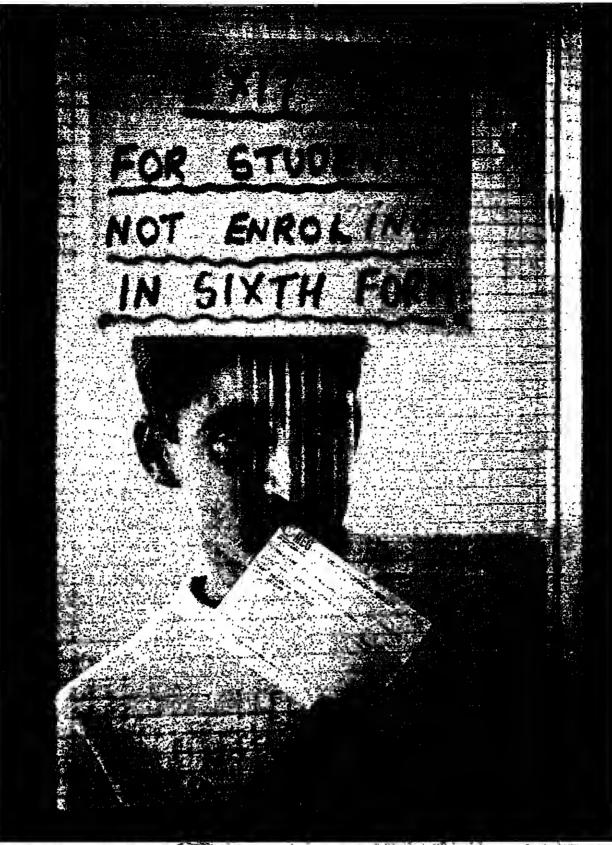
A's and 2 A grades.
Robert Harland at Tonbridge school in Kent also got 11 A*

Ninc-year-old Chaotelle Naraine and 10-year-old Radhika Radia achieved B grades in computing. Both attend Northwood Computer Tutorial College in north-west

Dr Ron Ryde, college director, said: "Children can learn anything if they are properly motivated. Age should not be either a har or a passport to suc-cess. It should just be ability,"

Charlotte and Victoria Maltby, identical 16-year-old twins, who attend Colyton Grammar School, Devon, achieved exactly the same 10p grades in the same subjects: they had starred A grades in biology, chemistry, geography and English litera-ture and As in English language, French, German, maths and physics. Both scored B in music.

Another pair of twins, Jonathan and Matthew Beatham from Colchester Royal Grammar School in Essex. achieved 22 A grades between them, including 16 A*s.



Testing times: Future avenues of the lose with GCSE results, as one 16-year-old finds at Moseley Secondary explain why there was a notable GCSE syllabus in India before School, Birmingham, looking Into the school hall for the last time absence of displays of emotion we arrived in England.

Patient progress helps banish the inner city blues

When a call came through from the local oewspaper yesterday morning, the head teacher at Moseley School lost her temper. It was an innocent enough inquiry; the GCSE results were out and the reporter wanted to know if any pupils at the Birm-ingham mixed comprehensive had scored straight As. That's all. But Mary Miles felt he had

missed the point entirely.
"We can't all have schools packed with A-starred children. That's just not a reality," said Mrs Miles. "That's why league tables are so soul destroying for teachers. Schools such as ours are compared with schools in leafy suburbs where their mother tongue is English and they're coming in the main from pareots with educated backgrounds. Many of the parents of our students haven't actually had a formal education

This year is, oevertheless, a record year for Moseley. The number of pupils with five or more A-C grades is up by 6 per ceot oo last year, as is the oum-ber with five or more A-G grades. But most importantly, in Mrs Miles' eyes, the oumber leaving the school with no results at all has dropped by six per cent to one in 25. The

national average is one in eight. The teachers at Moseley are interested in the Gs and Us as well as the As - and Mrs Miles uses a the CV of a former pupil, Mohammed Hafeez, to illustrate why. Four years ago, when Mohammed found himself with an E in GCSE English, U in maths, G in science and C in Urdu, his academic prospects were not exactly sparkling; but he stayed on at Moseley all the same. Two years later he left with 13 units from a BTEC course in business and finance - the equivalent of two A-levels - and is now flourishing in his second year at Birmingham University, reading law.

at the 1,250-strong inner city school in the Sparkhill area of Birmingham yesterday. No scenes of devastation or shrieking hysteria. Instead, the pupils were reflecting quietly on their grades and, with the help of teachers, considering their

The school hall where they had sat their exams two months earlier had been transformed into a careers advisory office. One, two, three, four..." a teacher counted up a pupil's passes. "Oh - and you got an A-star for Urdu. Well done. I should thick you're pretty proud of yourself with that," she said. Fahir Afzal had passed six GCSEs. After taking advice from the teacher, Fahir settled for A-levels in business studies. media studies and chemistry. Azma Shain was a little disap pointed. She had hoped for five GCSE passes at A-C grades, but had only managed four. "I wanted to do three A-levels."

This means I might be able to

do just two," said Azma, who got an A in drama, B in Eng-lish literature, and Cs in English language and history. But with the philosophical approach which seems to pervade every corner of the school, she added: "I'm pleased I got four because a lot of my friends who were predicted five only got two. Of course I would have preferred another one, but I'm pleased overall. Any pass is a

One boy was in a class of his own, Fifteeo-year-old Saiil Danny, who came to Moseley for a year because his father was posted to Birmingham from India, was so advanced academically that he was encouraged to take his GCSEs a year early. He will return to Campion School, in Bhopal, in the autumn with As in economics and scieoce, Bs in geography and maths, and a Cin English. Salil said he was surprised at his success, but that he had not found the work too much sweat. He

A-level pupils go private

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

More pareots are choosing to send their children to independent schools to do their A-levels, results from 1,500 feepaying schools show today. Three per ceot more took the exams in the private sector this

However, state schools' Alevel pass rates are still rising faster, with a 1.8 per cent increase this year compared with just 1 per cent in the independent sector. Some of the most famous public schools, including Gordonstoun and Bedales, scored lower than the top comprehensives in the Independent's

survey published last week. The top independent school this year was St Paul's School in London, where pupils gained an

St Paul's School, London -

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The Godolphin & Latymer School,

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average of 31.4 points - equivalent to more than three A grades. Under the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) scoring system, an A gains 10 points and an E gains two. Overall, the pass rate in independent schools rose by 1 per ceot to 94.9, while in state schools it rose by 1.8 per ceot

to 85.9. Winchester College, which came top last year with a score of 31.9, dropped into fourth place after St Paul's and Eton after its average points per

candidate fell to 29.3. Gordonstoun, where the Prince of Wales was educated, was 324th, with an average points score of 18.6, while Bedales, the well-known progressive co-educational school in Hampshire, was 264th, with an average of 20.15.

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Harrow, Alma Mater of Winston Churchill and once regarded as second only to Eton, ranked 65th, with an average points score of 24.9. Five comprehensive schools in the Independent's A-level survey fared better: they were Fulford and Huntington Schools in York, the Blue Coat School and Holy Family High School in Liverpool, and King Edward VI School in Stourbridge, West Midlands. Fulford, which came top, had an

average of 26.9 points.

Dick Davison, spokesman for the Independent Schools Informatioo Service, ISIS, said an increasing number of parents were choosing to seed their children to sixth-forms in

fee-paying schools.
"Obviously, there are high standards, but there are other things as well. For example,

quite a lot of boarding schools have significant recruitment at 16. It is regarded as a kind of preparation for university," said Mr

Davison. Stephen Baldock, high master of St Paul's, said he would rather such league tables were

never compiled. "I wish the table did not exist. Trying to draw fine distinctions between the top 20 schools

is a vain business," he said. He added that St Paul's practice of having an extended lunch break each day in which pupils could learn music, do drama or play sports also seemed to help

to improve exam results. The school's rowing team, which won a major competition this year, had all done very well in their A-levels. A third of its upper-sixth goes to Oxford or Cambridge each year.

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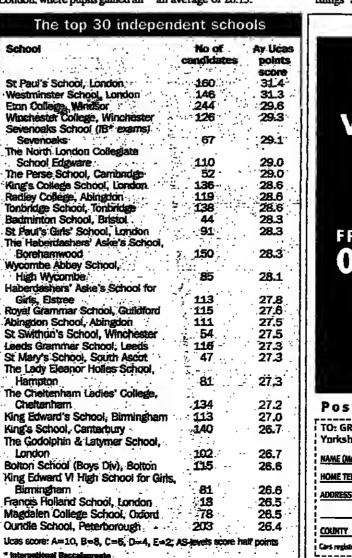
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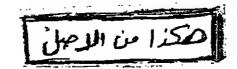


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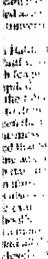




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It's been a bad day, the children have been hell, then they put themselves in danger. Are you right to smack them?



International conference says even a cuff should be made illegal

JOJO MOYES

Campaigners from 25 countrics yesterday called for a care experts and lawyers called change in the law to make the for a national strategy to tackle smacking of children as unacceptable as wife beating.

The International Conference on the Ending of Physical Punishmeot of Children in Dublin wants slapping children to be made illegal by 2000.

"The basic target is to change attitudes and make it quite hood. It found that one in six clear that it is oo more acceptable to bit a child than it is to hit your friends or your wife or en with belts and canes. anyone clse," conference coordinator, Peter Newall, said.

But he stressed that the purpuse of a law making smacking of children illegal was "wholly educational" and aimed at changing attitudes rather than Jutting parents in the dock.

He told BBC Radio 4 that actions from a very early age". this did oot mean punishing more parents. "There are oow six or possibly seven countries said that it recommended othin Europe that have taken this er ways, such as the implestep ... The result has oot been mentation of sanctions, to any increase to prosecutions of parents. Far from it. By changying attitudes towards children it actually reduces the need for

formal intervections." The issue of smacking is a contentious one. Earlier this year the Labour leader, Tony Blair, reignited the debate when he admitted he had occasionally

taken a hand to his children. "I ahvays regretted it because there are lnts of ways of disciplining a child - and I don't believe that belting them is the best one," Mr Blair said at the time. But he added: "There is a clear dividing line between ad. smacking children - it's not ministering discipline on the one hand and violence on the nth-

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er, which most parents under-

stand perfectly well." Last November, leading childcare experts and lawyers called violence by and against children,

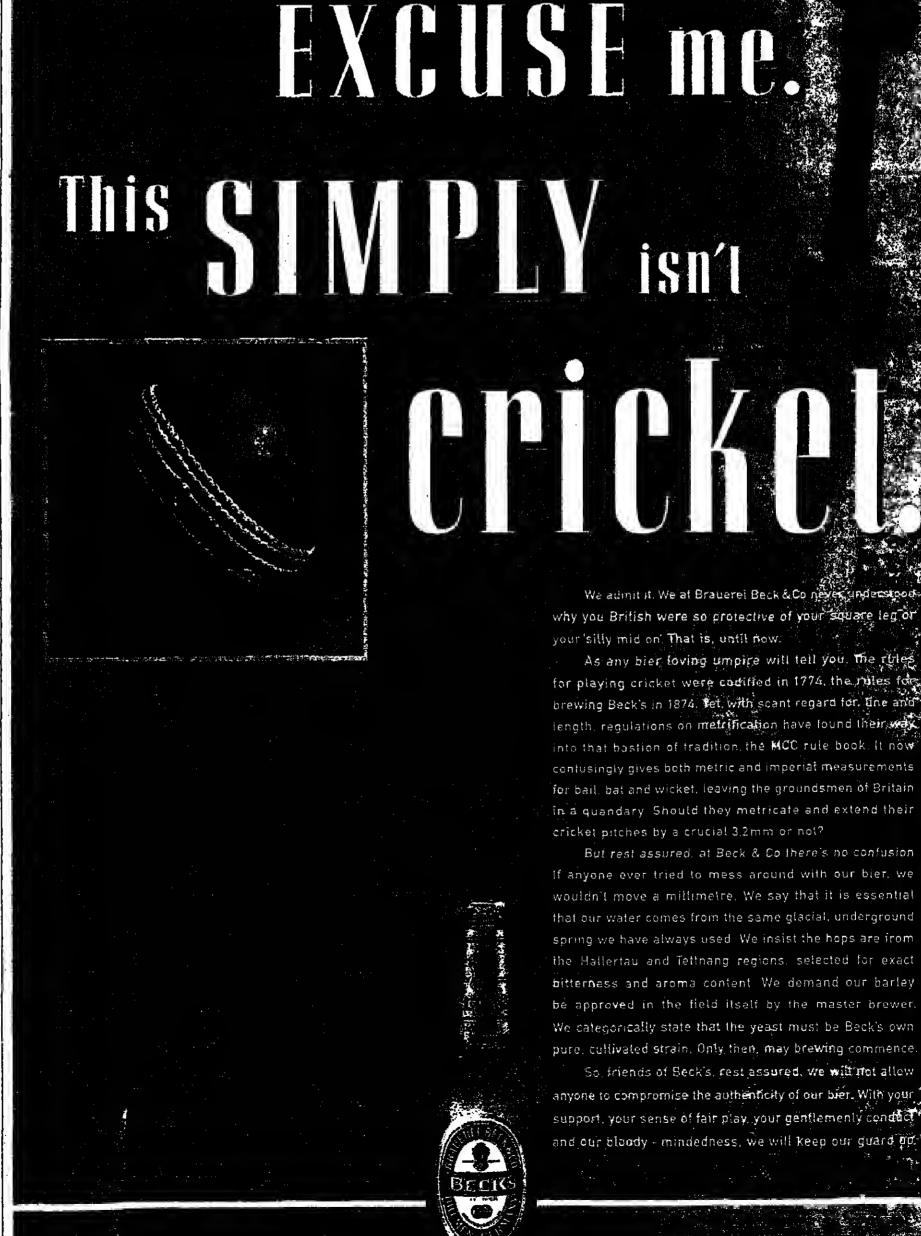
including a smacking ban. The Commission on Children and Violence, which was set up in the wake of the murder of James Bulger in 1993 by two 11year-old boys, concluded that violent tendencies begin in childchildreo still experiences violent punishment and many are beat-

The commission, which heard from 400 organisations and 500 children, said such "oegative, violeot and humiliating forms of discipline" should be banned, as these become "significant in the development of violent attitudes and

This was reiterated yesterday by the charity Childline, which

"We don't think smacking is a good idea. What we find from what children tell us is that parents _ when they're under stress, can find themselves becoming rather more violent," a spokeswoman, Wondy Toms, said. "We hear terrible, terrible incidents described to us by children of

smacking that escalates." She said the charity was not joining the call for smacking to be made illegal, which it did not believe was practicable. "But we do think there should be a ban on people other than parents appropriate for others, such as childminders," she added.



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MICHAEL STREETER

Supporters of a new anti-gun charity yesterday promised to earry on campaigning after the group's founder resigned amid allegations he had concealed his true identity and a criminal

Tohias Bernstein stepped down as general secretary of the Society Against Guns in Europe (SAGE), which has urged a ban

on all private guns in the wake of Dunblane, after reports that he had been sentenced under a different name earlier this year for dishonesty offences as an undischarged bankrupt.

As police and the Charity Commission launched investigations to see if Mr Bernstein had illegally been a trustee of the charity, supporters of SAGE in Dunhlane said the fight against guns would go on.

husband, John, was made honorary United Kingdom president of the charity, and whose daughter, Emma was killed at Dunblane, said: "If the allegations are true then SAGE itself cannot go on, but the work still means the same - and will continue in a different form."

tograph of Emma and bearing the message "no more guns". Mr Bernstein - who styled himself "Dr Bernstein" - said he set up the charity last year in Switzerland but began sen-

ous campaigning in the UK af-ter the shootings in Scotland. In a high-profile campaign, the charity had placed a series He said he was prepared to spend up to £60,000 a month of emotive advertisements in napublicising its activities, money

Allison Crozier, whose tional newspapers – including which he said came from a pri-usband, John, was made *The Independent* – using a phovate family trust.

It was claimed yesterday that Mr Bernstein's real name was William Victor Bernson, the identity of a man sentenced at Ipswich Crown Court on 2 April to two years' imprisonment. Mr Bernson had pleaded guilty to three charges: trying to get credit while an un-dis-charged bankrupt; attempting to defraud a creditor; and man-

aging a company while still an undischarged bankrupt. Other charity trustee, he would face charges remain on file. He was released within a

few months because he had aiready served time before sentencing. The court also heard that there were outstanding warrants for his arrest in the US. A spokeswoman for Essex police said they wanted to

connection with the charity. If

frozen SAGE's bank account as a "precautionary" measure. A spokesman, Hugh Rogers, said: interview Mr Bernson in

charges under Section 72 of the Charities Act 1993, punishable by up to two years in jail. The Commission said it had

"It does now appear that this man was acting as a trustee."
Yesterday, Mr Bernstein
strongly denied the allegations

Sage from "further negative

A high-tech classroom security system is being piloted in several British schools in the wake of the Dunblane massacre. The system, which combines miniature video cameras with a telecommunications network. was put through its public paces at a primary school in Airdrie

Drug barons hang on to ill-gotten gains

CHRIS BLACKHURST

Not enough is being done to hit the pockets of drug harons, according to a report published today. Despite the courts making orders confiscating £62.1m of traffickers' assets over the past eight years, only £12m has been recovered and £9m has been frozen, which leaves more than £40m unaccounted for.

Westminster Correspondent

The details are in a study from the National Audit Office (NAO), the public-finance watchdog, into efforts by Customs and Excise to deprive dealers of their cash and prevent their profits being laundered. The findings fly in the face of government claims to be getting lough on those at the top of the

The pyramid nature of the trade, with barons at the top and dealers at the bottom, is highlighted in the report. Of the £62.1m orders, £55.5m were

made against 125 people.
The audit office looked in detail at 133 confiscation orders made between 1989 and 1994. In none of the cases examined had unidentified assets heen subsequently traced

The study blows apart the effectiveness of measures introduced by the Government in 1991 to allow Customs officers to make on-the-spot seizures of cash they suspect is linked to drug trafficking. Under the new law, they can seize any sum over £10,000 they think

tember 1991 to March 1996 Customs uncovered £67.1m they thought was tied to drugs but only £7.1m was inrfeited; £55m was handed back to the owners because Customs could not prove its case, while £5m

at ports and airports, and found the NAO. Customs did not count there and then how much they had taken. This lanse, said the report, means "the Department could be open to alarrived in Britain by air and appeal, the nrder was reduced to £121,053. Scatence was so far, said the NAO, "no assets

have been recovered". In another case, Customs got the cash but not their man. In February 1994 a van was stopped as it left for the Netherlands. Hidden behind panelling

was £250,000. traces of cannabis resin. The dri-ver denied all knowledge of the any sum over £10,000 they think forward to claim the cash, Cusions were able to confiscate it. Goldsmith spectacles were accidentally broken by Leanon,

is still under investigation. The cash scizures were made

legations of theft or dishonesty". Much of the hlame for having to return the cash can be laid at the door of the courts and slick lawvers and accountants, In one case, two people were arrested with 3.5kg of heroin. When investigators tracked their hank accounts they found three, with over £100,000 in them. Subsequently, Customs applied for a confiscation order for £454,889. On passed in November 1995 but

When the notes were tested they were found to contain money and, since nobody came

All you need is money to see the world through Lennon's eyes



Musical motif: John Lennon's glasses and a letter written by Paul McCartney (bottom right) to 'Drew and Dye', which sold at auction yesterday

CHARLIE BAIN

A broken pair of John Lennon's glasses which were rescued by an office-worker from a dustbin, fetched over £2,000 in an auction of rock memorabilia vesterday

The 1960s pair of Oliver

who threw them in the bin in disgust at the offices of his record company Apple Corps, where they were found and rescued by an employee.

The glasses are among a revealing collection of rock 'n' roll memorabilia which went under the auctioneer's hammer at Bonham's in Chelsea, London. A white gaberdine suit with

red-suede trim worn by Elvis Presley during the early Seventies fetched £4,830, and an early draft of a song by the legendary guitarist Jimi Hen-drix, scribbled on a sheet of hotel stationery, sold for more

an £10,000.

The hand-written france to than £10,000. "Ain't No Telling", composed in the autumn of 1966 while Hendrix was staying at a hotel in Hyde Park, London, went to the Hard Rock Café in Orlando, Florida, for £10,925, almost

£1,000 over its expected price. The songsheet was among 24 lots put up for auction by Hendrix's ex-girlfriend, Kathy Etchington, who lived with the guitarist for three years in the late-Sixties, and who was said to

be the inspiration for the hitt "Foxy Lady". As a 20-year-old from Derby, she gave up her job as a hairdresser, in London, lo live with Hendrix.

Among the other items to be sold was a black-lacquer and mother-of-pearl box belonging to Hendrix which was sold to ananonymous Australian huyer, bidding by phone, for £5,060.

A favourite iron cross worn by the guitarist fetched £4,600,

te Quip

en to him by the Sixties singer Janis Joplin, was sold for £2,875. The Hard Rock Café also bought an oriental prayer rug and a Bokhara woven rug which which was once a permanent fixture in the bedroom of the couple's flat in Mayfair.

and a blue-glass necklace, giv-



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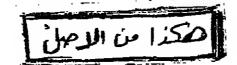
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A private survey of audiences at the Royal Festival Hall in London has at last discovered what it is that classical music concert-goers want.

It is not orchestras in casual clothing, nor big screens, nor asers or talks by the conductors. all ideas that have been tried out to increase audiences.

In fact, classical music audiences crave the simple treat that rock and light music audiences take for granted - an encore. As the late Ella Fitzgerald once sang, imploring a violin virtuoso for an encore: "Mr Paganini, don't you be a meanie ...

For rock audiences the encore has become routine; so much so that artists return to the stage as if on automatic pilot even without the inducement of ecstatic applause. But classical concerts rarely feature encores.

They occur at the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, and at other venues when worldfamous virtuosos perform solos, But in the main, performances of symphonics end with the last movement, Indeed, it is hard to envisage how a symphony orchestra could perform an encore without simply repeating the final movement of a work.

Nevertheless, according to the survey by the South Bank as parking and catering as the Centre (SBC) and the Piper musical programme.

Trust, selected focus groups of classical audiences were found to resent being starved of the climactic drama of the encore.

A spokeswoman at the SBC said yesterday: "One of the things that came ont is that the feeling of having an encore gives people a sense of occasion. The research confirmed that audiences want something extra.

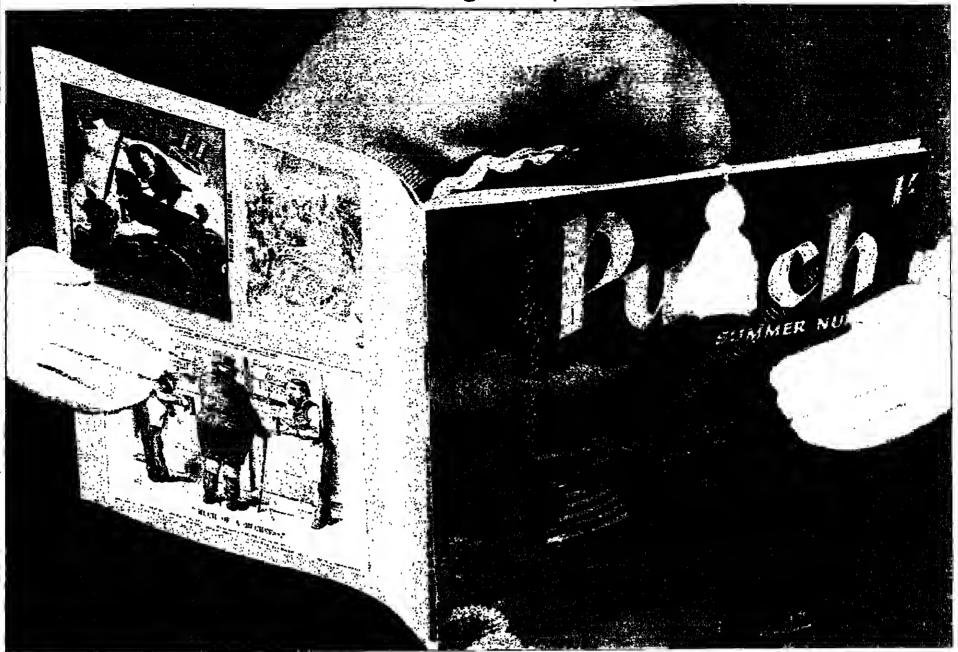
"The feeling an encore gives is that everybody is pleased with the way the evening has gone. The orchestra are pleased and the audience are pleased, and there is an interaction between audience and orchestra. It's a unique way of an audience showing its appreciation."

At present, touring orchestras at the Royal Festival Hall give encores, the Vienna Philharmonic, when it comes, gives an encore of waltzes even after a heavyweight classical programme, and big solo artists such as the diva Jessye Norman always give encores. But at the regular symphony concerts they are unknown.

The Royal Festival Hall management will now be having talks with orchestras about introducing encores on a regular basis.

The survey also found that concert-goers can be as concerned about matters such

Cartoon revival: Relaunched showcase magazine replaces 'grungy' satire with visual jokes



Packing a new Punch with the gentle touch

DAILY POEM

The Quip

acruis.

By George Herbert (1593 - 1633)

The merry world did on a day With his train-bands and mates agree To incet together where I lay, And all in sport to jeer at me

First, beauty crept into a rose, Tell me. I pray, whose hands are those? But thou shalt answer, Hord, for me.

Then money came, and chinking still What tune is this, poor man? said he: I heard in music you had skill. But thou shalt answer, Lord, for me.

Then came brave glory puffing by In silks that whistled, who but he? He scarce allowed me half an eye. But thou shalt answer, Lord, for me.

Then came quick wit and conversation, And he would needs a comfort be, And, to be short, make an oration. But thou shalt answer, Lord, for me.

Yet when the hour of thy design To answer these find things shall come, Speak not at large; say, I am thine: And then they have their answer home.

Even when I had little interest in the religious content, I enjoyed Herbert's exuberant way with poetic form, writes Wendy Cope. Nowadays I value his poems, in WH Auden's phrase, for their "expressions of Anglican piety at its best". I also have a particular fondness for poems with refrains, and probably write to-many of them myself. In the programme (*Poets' Poemy Please!*— Radio 4), Samuel West's reading of "The Quip", with its haunting repeated line, is very morning. ing repeated line, is very moving.

Wendy Cope presents *Poets Poetry Please!* on George Herbert, readings by Samuel West, on Sunday 25 August at 5.30pm.

The new editor of the new Punch is chnckling over a cartoon, which is just what an editor of Punch should be doing, writes David Lister.

It is not always easy to recall memorable Punch articles in an instant; but the cartoons from Britain's best-known humour magazine are another matter. Punch has been the showcase and often the career launching pad for some of the best cartoonists the country has pro-

All of Bateman's cartoons appeared in the magazine. Larry and Bill Tidy, stalwarts for years, will be in the relaunched Punch next month.

But under the new editor, Peter McKay, previously of the London Evening Standard, the Punch cartoon will be undergoing a subtle change.

His chuckles when I met him were caused by his favourite cartoon from the new issue. It is by Mike Williams, and is a picture of a lifeboat coming into port. On it are the animals, in pairs, with blankets over their shoulders. The Ark has gone down. There is no caption.

A gentle humour, an immediate visual joke and the lack of satirical caption underlie the McKay philosophy to cartoons, and if Punch has the influence it once had, could anticipate a change in the cartoonist's art.

"In the last 10 to 15 years," says McKay, "cartoons have become very grungy, not very well drawn. Young cartoonists have tended to sneer, to try to make some deep sociological



Old jokes are best: Peter McKay, editor of Punch, with cartoons that may appear in the new magazine

point. It's been a bad age for encouraging illustrators to do cartoons recently. Newspapers eartoons for the magazine with cartoons recently. Newspapers have encouraged cartoonists to make clever satirical points. But I'm bored to death with satire. It's sour and heavy and boring. It's not done with light-

the Punch Table (the editorial committee) coming up with the captions, as happened in the magazine's great days. There and an end to the clusters of car-Instead, McKay will be

typified Punch in recent years. "It's the rotten apple principle," says McKay. "I always felt that one bad cartoon in a page of six

The new Punch's dedication to fine illustration with the joke being dreamt up in-house can be seen in one forthcoming example. The artist Edwina Sams sent in a striking painting of a couple sitting taked in the bath playing cards. McKay decided to run that as a large colour cartoon, supplying the poker game

caption "I'll see you". If Punch does succeed in fostering a new age for the non-

satirical cartoon, its return to tradition will be accompanied by cartoonists who can remember several ages of the art. Among the cartoonists in old Jos Armitage, who as lonicus had his first cartoon in

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Lebed's fragile deal gives Chechens hope

General seals troop pact but fails to find favour with President Yeltsin

PHII REEVES

Battered by feuds in the Kremlin and criticism from his own boss, Alexander Lebed, Russia's security tsar, last night notched up a victory in Chechaya by quickly striking an agreement on troop withdrawal with the The apparent break-through

came after a day of negotiations in the republic, where the general averied threats by renegade Russian commanders to launch an all-out assault on Grozny to try tu flush out a force of several thuusand Chechen rebels. It also coincided with a de-

cision by President Boris Yeltsin finally to end a two-week hibernation by appearing on television to try to demonstrate that. despite appearances, he is control of his fractious government and tu belic reports that he is scriously ill.

Yesterday Mr Lebed spoke, there were unconfirmed emerged from a meeting in a reports that 50 Interior Ministry

rebel-held Chechen village saying he had struck a deal with the Checheo separatist chief of staff, Alsan Maskhadov, in which Russian troops would start a partial withdrawal from southern Chechnya today. He said Grozny, seized by rebels a fortnight ago, would be under joint military control. The Security Council secretary also vowed to sign a draft political agreement on Chechnya's status in two days, although it was not clear how far-reaching it would be. "Troops will be withdrawn from Grozny because constitutional order cannot be

The deal will infuriate the hardline Russian generals, who oppose a speedy withdrawal and still believe force can resolve the 20-month war. Given their past performance, another serious confrontation could

introduced using air and ar-

tillery strikes." he said.

Communist gets job as Yeltsin minister

Boris Yeltsin yesterday appointed as a minister a leading Communist who stood against him in his re-election to the Kremlin and is a close colleague of his former adversary, Gennady Zyuganov.

With anger simmering in Russia's provinces over unpaid wages and broken election pledges, the decision to give a job to Aman Tuleyev appears to he an effort to demonstrate that his government is broad-based, and is open to people from across the political spectrum.

Russian news agencies said that Mr Tuleyev, who is from the Siberian coal-mining region of Kemerovo, would be the minis-ter responsible for relations with the Commonwealth of Independeot States, the loose coalition that was created after the collapse of the USSR in 1991.

Speculation that Mr Yeltsin - who made a fleeting appear-

ance on Russian television yesterday - would include some ommunists in his government has been circulating for several months, so the appointment of Mr Tuleyev was not entirely unexpected. Before his re-election, Mr Yeltsin said he was willing to engage in a "dialogue with all those for whom the fate of Russia is a top priority", in-

cluding "honest Communists". Mr Tuleyev, 52, has twice run for the Russian presidency, although he dropped out of this year's race at the 11th hour in order to leave the way clear for Mr Zvuganov, who eventually lost by a 13-point margin.

Some observers have suggested that Mr Yeltsin's offer may be part of a plan to head off industrial unrest in the mines and elsewhere, which has been caused by the government's strategy of withholding pay for months. Mr Yeltsin also named his first woman cabinet minister, Tatyana Dmitrieva. She will be in charge of health.

troops had been killed in a fire-

fight with rebels in Grozny.

Nor is it clear if the deal will be acceptable to Mr Yeltsin whose policy has become increasingly unclear since his victory in July's election.

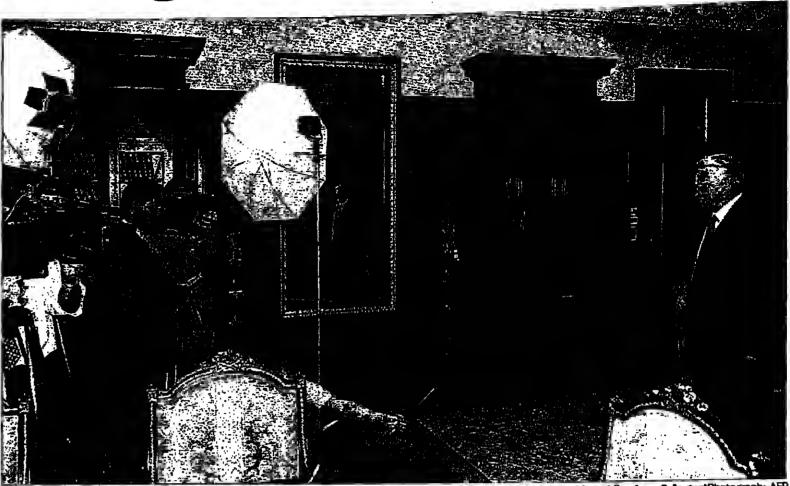
Yesterday Mr Lebed's successful, if fragile, resolution to the threatened Russian onslaught on Grozny appeared to have failed to have impressed the President, who told the Ria Novisti agency: "He [Gen Lebed] has always promised to solve the Chechen problem if he had power. Now be has power." But Mr Yeltsin was "not entirely satisfied" with his progress in Chechnya, a remark that appears to reflect the President's desire to remain on-side with conservatives in the government and the military.

Although he spoke clearly during his television performance, the President looked wooden and stiff. In a separate clip on the state-run RTR channel, he was seen laughing but it was a long shut and gave few clues about his true health.

Even if Gen Lebed has made lasting progress in Chechnya and that was a moot point last night, as all previous peace talks have collapsed - other bat-tles lie ahead. One reason for the army's belligerence in the republic is plans by the new Defence Minister, Igor Rodionov, dramatically to cut the size of the Russian military to form a professional corps, a scheme that Mr Yeltsin and Mr Lebed endorse. More fights with the generals seem mevitable.

At the same time, it is becoming increasingly clear that Mr Lebed's Security Council is developing into a separate power hase which is grappling for power with the government, and particularly the Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, on several fronts.

Yesterday the general's staff opened a fresh line of attack, No sooner had the government agreed its 1997 budget than the council criticised its contents. saying that it included too little investment. The council called for higher import duties and attacked proposed cuts, warning that Russia's crisis over unpaid wages may get even



Besieged city breathes sigh of relief

A silent stillness reigned in Grozny yesterday morning, hours after the deadline for the threateoed Russian assault expired. The road leading into the city from the east, for the last two days crammed with refugees, was empty.

A few residents were out, fetching water in buckets from hand pumps, keeping close to the buildings.

A burst of automatic gunfire crackled, but Russian Interior Ministry troops, trapped in their post on a hudge, were not concerned, "There is some light shooting like that, but it's nothing," said one officer.

Several hundred yards away, Chechen fighters said the same. There was mortar fire here at three or four o'clock in the night," one fighter said, pointing out damaged houses. "But since the morning it has been quiet. They have not bombed or Carlotta Gall finds calm after the storm in Grozny

shelled. There is just the odd shooting in the centre," he said. He was standing beside a freshly dug trench and a bunker hidden by hranches, outside a private house where a group of fighters were living, along with two Russian builders they had aught in town.

The calm in the city was a stark contrast to the panicky ex-odus of refugees under gun- and shell-fire only the day before. The calm seemed to be due entirely to former general, Alexan-der Lebed, who flew in from Moscow announcing that he was calling off the ultimatum that gave civilians 48 hours to leave the city before Russian forces

launched an attack to retake it. Konstantin Pulikovsky, acting commander of Russian troops added the former general and in Chechnya and responsible for commander of the 14th army,

the ultimatum, was removed from his post with an order signed yesterday, Mr Lebed's

press secretary said. Mr Lebed met the Checheo chief of staff, Aslan Maskhadov, on Wednesday evening in the village of Novy Atagi, south of Grozny. The two men sat faceto-face over a table spread with a map of Chechnya, Mr Lebed appeared at ease and in his shirtsleeves. "There will be no more ultimatums," he said. adding that General Pulikovsky

had heeo joking.
Asked if the bombardment of Grozny would stop, he said: "I'm going to Grozny to ensure that it remains quiet."

"We remembered that we both served in one army,"

smiling at Mr Maskhadov, who was a former colonel in the Soviet Army. Mr Maskhadov said: "We

many times believed in peace talks. Now I want to take the word of an officer, that yes is yes, and no is no," he said. Asked later if he thought Mr Lebed had the power to bring peace, he said:
"He gave his word."

He was reported to have gone on to meet General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, now back from holiday and commanding troops in Chechnya once more.

Yesterday morning Mr Lebed was back in rebel-held Novy Atagi, sitting with Mr Maskadov, hammering ont a deal on how to separate the two fighting forces, how to organiso a partial withdrawal of Russian a partial withdrawal of Russian agreement we will give them a troops from Grozny, and how lesson they will oever forget."

to prevent further clashes by creating joint command posts. Alexander Varkhatov, Mr Lebed's press spokesman, said that the issues of Checheo independence and a full with-drawal of Russian troops from

Chechnya had been put aside

for the moment.

Russian troops outside Grozny were delighted at the progress. "It is good if it is quiet, then we can go home," said Lieutenant Colonel Leonid Selyutin. "It all depends on Lebed and whether the President [Boris Yeltsin] hacks him."

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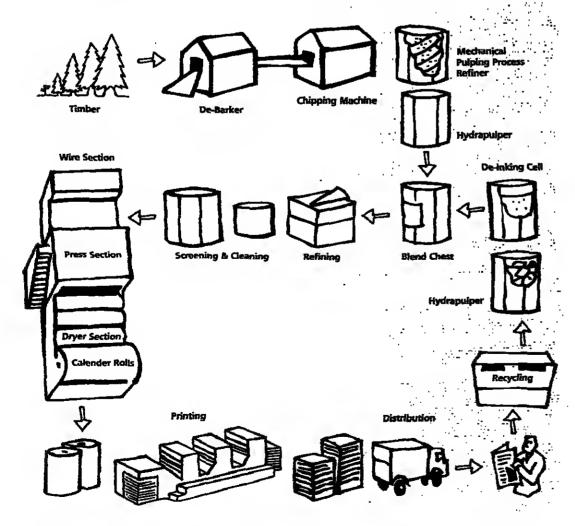
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The Chechen fighters gave Mr Lebed a jubilant thumbs-up. "He is a military man, he has seen it all, he has fought in wars and seen blood being spilled. I think he is a serious man and keeps his word," said Visita Israilov. "But if they hreak this

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US neo-Nazi jailed for four years

IMRE KARACS Bonn

Spitting defiance at the German judiciary, the American neo-Nazi leader Gary Lauck marched out of a Hamburg courtroom yesterday to begin a four-year prison sentence for exporting racist propaganda.

"The struggle goes on," he shouled in German as he was led away. "Neither the National Socialists nor the Communists dared to kidnap an American citizen," he screamed.

the three-month trial, contesting to the end the German court's jurisdiction over his activities. Lauck, 43, had built a neo-Nazi publishing empire at his home town of Lincoln, Neb-raska, sheltered from prosecution by the US constitution. A man who cultivated a fake

German accent and adopted Hitler's hair style and mous-tache, Lauck has led the National Socialist German Workers' Party - Overseas Organisation, for more than a decade, and distributes the NS-Battle Cry newsletter, as well as other Nazi propaganda material banned in Germany.

He was arrested on an in-ternational warrant from Germany when he attended a convention of neo-Nazis in Denmark in March 1995. In September last year he was extradited to Germany on the basis of a little-used Danish law that hans racist statements. Whilst Lauck himself remained silent during the trial, his lawyer tried to argue that the man duhbed by the US press as the "farm-belt Führer" had com-mitted no crime under his own

country's laws.
"I am a Nazi, but this isn't about my views, it's about the constitution," Lauck told the Dallas Morning Post last week. "Here I am, a newspaper publisher, and I was kidnapped abroad and taken to a third country and thrown in jail for something that is totally legal in the United States."

But the German authorities traced much of the flood of Nazi propaganda to Lauck's home base, and the court accepted that Lauck had been personally involved in smuggling the literature into Germany.

"Lauck turned many young

people against democracy," said the prosecutor, Bernd Mauruschat, in his closing argument. The prosecution said that, for two decades, Lauck has been German extremists' main supplier of hrochures, Nazi and neo-Nazi stickers, arm-bands, Those were the first meaningful words he uttered during the three-month trial, contestguages, feeding the new ex-tremist movements that have risen out of the ashes of Com-



shing empire in the US

Despite his obsessive interests in the Third Reich, Lauck had no German hackground, though he tried to adopt a German persona. He had read Hitler's Mein Kampf (My Strug-gle) at the age of 13, and spent his teenage years forging a neo-Nazi movement in the US.

Since his arrest, the flood of Nazi propaganda reaching Ger-many has turned into a trickle, and is expected to dry up while he is serving his sentence. Having spent 15 months under arrest, his prison term expires in just over two-and-a-half years, by which time the German authorities hope the audience for his kind of enlightenment will have shrunk to insignificance.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Disarmament negotiators wrapped up almost three years of talks on a global ouclear test ban with no pact agreed and without even agreement to report their failure to agreed and without even agreement to report their failure to
the UN General Assembly. Opposition from Iran and India
prevented the 61-nation Conference on Disarmament
sending a negotiating report to the UN, where major
powers still hope to reintroduce the draft text and have it
signed next month. India vetoed the draft treaty because it
does not contain a clause committing the five declared
nuclear powers to a timetable for nuclear disarmament. But conference members had still hoped to send the negotiating report, which merely stated that no consensus had been reached on the text, to the General Assembly, which asked the Geneva body last year to negotiate a pact. Backers of the treaty hope it can be adopted and opened for signature by late next month. Reuter - Geneva

Catholic nuns in Calcutta were praying for Mother Teresa, who was admitted to hospital on Tuesday after a heart attack. Her condition is "extremely critical", said doctors at a clinic who are also treating the 84-year old Nobel Peace Winner and charity worker for respiratory complications and malaria. A hulletin said her health was "extremely fragile" hut stable. Plagued by coronary troubles, she was fitted in 1992 with a pacemaker. "She is on a respiratory support and has fever but she is fully conscious," said a hulletin issued yesterday afternoon by the Woodlands Nursing Home. Tim McGirk - New Delhi

Vore than 6,000 people were reported to have been killed in Burundi following the coup on 25 July.

Amnesty International said. In a statement, it said the situation in Burundi continued to deteriorate, despite promises by the new Tutsi military ruler, Pierre Buyoya, to end killings. It said it had learnt that at least 4,050 unarmed civilians were huried after being extrajudicially executed between 27 July and 10 August by government forces in the province of Gitega. Reuter – Nairobi

Austrian state prosecutors said they were launching legal action against Jörg Haider, the extreme right-wing Freedom Party leader, accusing him of defaming a minister. Klagenfurt prosecutor's office said it would start proceedings over comments Mr Haider made last year about the Interior Minister. Caspar Einem. It will be the first time a state prosecutor has initiated legal action against the controversial politician. His comments at a Freedom Party convention pertained to Mr Einem's alleged abuse of office. Reuter - Vienna

ast Timor's government plans to sue Portugal, its former colonial ruler, for crimes allegedly committed during 450 years of rule that ended in 1975, just before indooesia took over. Abilio Jose Osorio Soares, the Jakarta-appointed governor, said Portuguese forces killed and tortured many East Timorese suspected of backing the Japanese during the Second World War. The motive of the suit was not clear but appears to be an attempt by Jakarta to counter its image in dealing with the independence movement in East Timor. AP - Jakaria

Greece's Socialist Prime Minister, Kostas Simitis, Isaid an early general election would be held on 22 September. Reasons cited were the economy and tense relations with Turkey. Elections are not due until October 1997 but Mr Simitis wants a new term to push through economic decisions aimed at hringing Greece into line with its European Union partners. Renter - Athens

French cave in to immigrant church protest

MARY DEJEVSKY

A five-month campaign by several hundred illegal immigrants to remain in France appeared to be rushing towards a denouement yesterday, with French ministers abandoning their tough "no-negotiation" stance and grasping for a way to end the protest without seeming to dilute the immigration laws. The immigrants, 10 of whom are in the 45th day of a hunger strike, have been occupying a Paris church for almost two months in an attempt to have their deportation orders

dency papers. Yesterday, a spokesman for the immigrants insisted that concessions announced by the government on Wednesday were inadequate and that their protest - including the hunger strike - would continue. He was responding to the government's decision to convene the Council of State, a constitutional review body, to consider whether the immigrants' demands could be met within the framework of

lifted and to obtain legal resi-

suggested that more flexible interpretations of the law were being considered, was accompanied by a change in rhetoric to stress that humanitarian concerns would be met and that there was no question of "breaking up families". A few days before, the Interior Minister, Jean-Louis Debré, had described the church protest as

"unacceptable blackmail". Yesterday, in an attempt not to raise protesters' hopes too far - or to meet vociferous objections from the right - Mr Debré warned that any solution would have to be within the law and that some of the protesters would be disappointed. He said that there could be "no mass regularisation", but that "a helping hand should be extended to the most deserving cases". The possibility of financial sweeteners for those who

are deported was also raised. The immigrants' protest, which began in April and appeared to be flagging earlier in the summer, suddenly escalated a week ago, after police seized the 10 hunger strikers in a dawn raid on the church of St

for medical checks. That move, prompted by fears that the strikers might die, provoked a freuzy of righteous indignation across France for and against but mostly for - the protesters.

The first sign that the goverument was cracking came on Tuesday, when the Prime Min-ister, Alain Juppé, broke his hol-iday and returned to Paris to handle what was by then a drama of national proportions. That evening, he received Gilles Robien, a senior member of the UDF, the Gaullists' coalition partner in parliament, who had put forward what he described as a "purely personal initiative" for ending the impasse. On Wednesday, Mr Juppe

convened an emergency minis-terial meeting in Paris, at which the decision was taken to consult the Council of State. The Council of State met yesterday morning and was due to deliver its conclusions to Mr Juppé by the evening.

While the protest has bitterly divided the right, it has united the left in spectacular manner. Eight left-wing groups and pardawn raid on the church of St ties, including the Socialists, festooned with red flags and Bernard in northern Paris and Communists, Trotskyites and trade-union posters. Left-wing Vlady, have also flocked to the wards the protesters. On took them forcibly to hospital Greens, signed a petition to politicians and personalities, church and threatened to hand- Wednesday evening, more than



No passage: French riot police face supporters of illegal African immigrants outside the Hall of Justice in Paris yesterday

ing for a compromise.

The railings around the church of Si Bernard are business celebrities, such as the widow of France's late

strikers, should the police move to end the protest by force.

Public opinion remains div-

President Jacques Chirac call- including Danielle Mitterrand, cuff themselves to the hunger 6,000 people marched through central Paris (in prime holiday season) in support of the St Bernard protesters.

A survey published yesterday showed that at least half of those

30 per cent opposed them and 56 per cent wanted negotiations. The vast majority want a caseby-case approach - the govthe hlanket legalisation sought

Human tide races to beat Spain's deadline for tougher rules

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The flow of illegal immigrants into Spain, always at its peak during the summer months, is reaching an unprecedented level as those seeking to legalise their status rush to beat a deadline which expires today.

bound to be disappointed, as the opportunity to become legal is thought to have eluded the authat this will be their last chance tightly restricted to those although the first and entered unseen. To enter Europe, Most of them So far 13,000 have applied, but ready living here. Since July, the Many do not survive the hazing entering Spanish authorities have picked ardous crossings.

up more than 1,000 North Africans trying to cross the risen on account of the immi-Gibraltar Strait in rickety wooden fishing boats. Up to 2,000 undocumented immigrants have been held so far this year, the highest for four years.

boatloads of would-be immigrants have been plucked almost daily from Spain's southern waters. Thousands more are to "jump the Strait", believing

The number this year has grants' expectation that if they reach Spain before today, they will be able to regularise their illegal status. This is the promise being touted by unscrupulous In recent weeks, pathetic mafia gangs operating in northern Morocco who charge up to £800 for a perilous passage. Many hopefuls are scrambling

and in possession of a work permit, to apply to regularise their situation. It is the fruit of an agreement in February to modify Spain's restrictive Foreigners' Law of 1985. Trade unions say the objective

was to improve the conditions of legions of immigrant workers by allowing those whose work per-Today's deadline allows only the Workers Commissions of the queue in time.

those who were already resident union, Francisco Soriano, says up in Spain before 1 January 1996, to 50,000 foreigners who lost even under the interior ministry's

Queues have been stretching round police stations all this week as immigrants without documents, often long resident in Spain, seek to put their papers in order. The government said it would not extend the

Experts say the flow of migrants will continue. "It is no good harassing immigrants like common delinquents, as if they had committed a crime," says Julio Martinez Firvida, of the immigrants' support organisation in Algecicas. "They are only trying

to escape a desperate situation in their own countries. Tighter controls won't solve anything." Mr Soriano says the regula-

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ing reported to the authorities. Officials hesitate to put a figure on the numbers of illegal immigrants in Spain - most of whom are Moroccans, followed

mates range up to 200,000. A growing number of Central entering Europe's southern bor-der at Spain's Moroccan enclaves Within days of the

by Latin Americans, Poles and

Chinese - but unofficial esti-

under the constant threat of be- flown to Madrid and expelled, under sedation, within hours.

The operation was criticised by human rights groups for its disregard for democratic procedures. The UN human rights commissioner, Jose Ayala Lasso, last week warned the Spanish government "not to commit the error of applying methods Africans are trekking north and alien to human dignity in con-

social security and who remain who had reached Melilla were the enclave to replace them.

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Paramount leader: Although it is hard to imagine that Deng as Prime Minister, a probable

Gaoping has direct input on policy, his influence remains strong restructuring of the party hier-

Contenders line up for power when Deng goes

Behind closed doors, in the leadership villas hidden in the Beidaihe, an election season with Chinese characteristics is under way. China may have one of the world's most opaque political systems, but with only a year or so to go until the 15th Communist Party Congress, there are top jobs to play for and personal power bases to be maintained.

Every August, the inner clique of China's party and military leadership gathers at Bei-daine, north-east of Peking, for a conclave. This year the members will forge a consensus on the policy document for autumn's annual party plenum, at which an ideological blast in favour of "spiritual civilisation" is expected to be the main tenet. But all eyes are looking towards the full congress scheduled for autumn next year, an event which takes place only once every five years. Critical decisions will then

have to be made, including the

choice of successor to Li Peng

the generals who sit on the Cen-tral Military Commission. The next party congress will be such an important one in terms of personnel and structures," said one Peking diplomat.
One man, it is safe to assume,

archy and key appointments to

is oot at Beidaihe this year. But no debate will take place without someone invoking his name. Deng Xiaoping has defied so many predictions of his immi-nent demise, and yesterday cel-ebrated his 92nd birthday. His health is frail, and it is hard to imagine he has a direct politi-cal input these days, but even as an ailing paramount leader he still hovers over the party's decision makers.

Mr Deng's survival is both a help and a hindrance to President Jiang Zemin, the anoint-ed "core" of the leadership. While Mr Deng lives, it is difficult for anyone to challenge his choice of Mr Jiang as head of state, party chief and head of the army. But the endurance of Mr served two terms, Potential suc-Deng also restrains Mr Jiang's ability to depart from his mentor's path and put his own

stamp on policy. Most analysts believe that the longer Mr Deng survives, the better it is for Mr Jiang. How-ever, the next year will be a testing time for the President, as he tries to secure the top-level personnel changes he needs to buttress his position.

Analysts believe there is broad agreement within the leadership about continuing reforms, and that the real debate revolves round the pace of change. But there are factions which must be appeased, as personal ambition runs rampant and contenders manneuvre

The first key decision for the congress is who will be the new Prime Minister. Under the constitution, Mr Li must retire at the National People's Congress (NPC) in March 1988, having

Leaders gather to plot strategy as countdown begins to crucial party congress, writes Teresa Poole in Peking cessors include Zhu Rongji, Li

Langing, and Wu Bangguo. Mr Zhu, the economics tsar, will be 68 this October, which could mean his age is against him, although his appointment would mean economic reform is on track Li Lanqing, 64, looks a strong contender, but is not a member of the standing com-

mittee of the polithuro.

Mr Wu, at 55, has age on his side, but may be too identified with the Shanghai clique to win support. Mr Jiang has been crit-icised for promoting too many colleagues from his home base. Then there is the question of what to do with Li Peng, a po-

litical fighter who shows oo sign of wanting a quieter life. There is much speculation that the structure of the Communist Party may be due for changes. At the moment, Mr Jiang heads the party as general secretary. In the past, the top job was chairman. Analysts suggest that if Mir Jiang were to become chairman of the party, Mr Li could sit as a vice-chairman.

This might also lead to a change for the man often considered the most powerful backroom player in any shift of power after Mr Deng's death. Qiao Shi, former chief party dis-

of the National People's Congress, is seen as the leader of the faction arguing for greater "rule by law". One Western diplomat said: "Qiao Shi is more and more to the fore in speculation about around whom a challenge to Jiang Zemin might be con-

At 71, Mr Qiao might be expected to step down from the NPC, and emerge as a vice-chairman of the party. But this could lead to a bitter fight with Mr Li over who would be senior. Mr Jiang also has to juggle the demands of the military,

whose support for his leadership is imperative. The party congress must decide a new ime-up for the party's Central Military Commission, which controls the army. Mr Jiang is chairman, but two of the four vice-chairmen. Generals Lin Huaging men. Generals Liu Huaging and Zhang Zhen, are due to retire. Both are Long March veterans who have maintained a firm influence on the party.

Mr Jiang has strong cards in his favour. Next year be will preside over the return of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty, which is being used to whip up Chinese nationalism and portray him as the successor to Chairman Mao and Mr Deng.

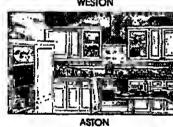
On the economic front, inflation has fallen to acceptable levels and the United States is holding out the carrot of a possible exchange of state visits just the sort of theatre appre-







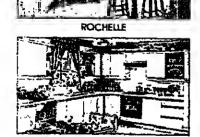








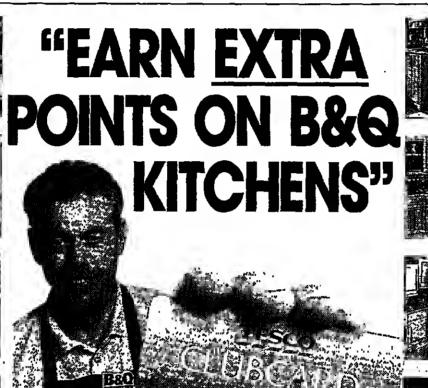








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ANC admits abuses but 'fought just war'

MARY BRAID

The African National Congress yesterday made its fullest coofessioo of human rights violations but argued that there was no moral equivalency between its acts of violence and those of

the apartheid government.
Thabo Mbeki, the country's president-in-waiting presented the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), the body which was created to heal the nation by laying bare the abuses of the apartheid years, with a 100-page report which included a list of 34 members who were executed by the ANC in Angolan training camps and an admission that some cadres were killed after being falsely ac-

cused of spying.
After Mr Mbeki's three-hour testimony, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Commission's chairman, congratulated the ANC on being the first party to use the word "sorry". The ANC's evidence came the day after FW de Klerk, the former president and leader of the Nationalist Party (NP), offered a

qualified apology to the nation for apartheid and past mistakes. The NP submission was short on detail. Mr de Klerk denied all knowledge of state-backed hit squads, and preferred to focus on the "terrosist" bombings and attacks carried out by the ANC. Yesterday Mr Mbeki said that the commission's investigation into human rights abuses must take into account that apartheid was "one of the most odious and

vicious political systems of the 20th century"; a system judged by the United Nations to be a crime against humanity. The overwhelming majority of actions carried out in the

course of the just war of national liberation do not constitute gross violations of human rights' as defined by the act establishing and mandating the TRC," he said. Even "neck-lacing", he said, had to be seen against the background of in-stitutionalised state violence.

The ANC had adopted the oos about justice. It is about armed struggle only after truth and recoordination and decades of futile peaceful lob- "national healing. Any other apbying. It was "a last, rather than proach would have split this first, resort", he said. The or-



Mbeki: Armed struggle was a last, rather than first, resort

internal pressure to target "soft" civilian targets.

Mr Mbeki's bid for recogni-

tion of the ANC's moral high ground flies in the face of the act which established the commission, and which was the cornerstone of the deal brokered by the NP and the ANC to end white minority rule.

Dr Alex Boraine, deputy chairman of the commission said that the act made no distinction between the violence from either side. He and other commissioners had no choice but to suppress their sympathy with Mr Mbeki's point of view.

"Of course there is a world of difference between the violence of the oppressor and the oppressed," said Dr Boraine. The Dutch resistance fighters to Nazi occupation knifed and killed but they were heroes against an abhorreot system. The fact is this commission is

country in half." He said the commission could only be understood against the background of a ocgotiated settlement. "If the struggle had been won on the

battlefield there would have been a victor and vanguished and the victor would have dictated terms." Dr Boraine said that in spite of yesterday's testimony Mr Mbeki understood that vacating

the moral high ground was the price the ANC had paid for the peaceful transition of power. Yesterday the ANC said it accepted "collective responsibil-

ity" for the violence it had orchestrated. This contrasted sharply with Mr de Klerk's refusal to take responsibility for murders carried out by the security forces although he admitted the NP had created the conditions which allowed them

While its view that ANC violence had no special legitima may go unchallenged, the NP can expect some tough questioning on the limits of re-sponsibility when the political parties return to the commission later this year. Yesterday Mr Boraine warned that he could not accept Mr de Klerk's distinction between the government and its functionaries. "They were as



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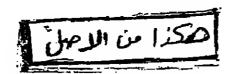
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Too blinded by the Bard to recognise true talent

r Eric Sams, the great Shakespearean, is convinced the Bard wrote the play Edward III. If true the attribution not only boosts the canon to 39 but rounds out nicely the great historical cycle that ends with Richard III. Dr Sams's call is based on painstaking scholarly detective work - gigabytes are now routinely applied to tracing metre and meaning across time and space. Like Ariadne he follows the thread in and out of Elizabethan court politics and weaves much clever stuff of his own.

The life of Edward, under whom the King of the Scots had died in prison, gave the playwright a chance to be rude about the Scots. At the time this was politically incorrect, since the Scots were mostly religious allies in a hostile world. Railing at the Scots became especially dangerous after Elizabeth recognised Mary's son, James, as her heir - which, of course, she never formally did, though she let it be known through what passed at Richmond and Greenwich for sources close to the Palace.

It's all great stuff and tremendous fun. But at the end of the day you are tempted to ask, who gives a fig? Dr Sams's excitement about Edward III may win that disputed play a staging and it may, in the hands of a Hands or even a Rylance, turn out to be a grand performance. But does the identity of the author matter to the qualities of the play? Besides, all this attributive poliicking comes at a cost.

The real question is whether we have become so fixated by artistic names - the cult of genius - that we are depriving ourselves of great swathes of culture which deserves to he recalled and consumed for what it is, not for its author's fame. Most theatre managers would say that the tourists and casual theatre-goers need a name; the hrand matters. Christopher Marlowe's Edward Π is a vastly better play than this "new" Shakespeare, but it is likely to be less of a crowd-puller.

In the theatre, as in the plastic arts and the novel, attention and fame get heaped on those already famous. Shakespeare, as the name who wows them from Calgary to Cochin, the set book, the top of the reading list, exemplifies the historical triumph of the auteur or individualist theory in art. For all the noise made by the structuralists and the deconstructionists, they have made no real inroads into the way we think about high cultural production: lone man at desk with quill, solo painter in atelier, Mahlerian composer

anguishing limply on an alpine summit.
This way of thinking about art means that the juvenile leavings and hack-work of the great names are promoted and discussed at the expense of much better works. More, they are elevated to semi-sacred status. Every word or pencil-line by a genius is guarded by the academic keepers of the flame. In Shakespearean studies, this causes end-



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less problems and argument, was that line his or that of some lesser hand; did the Bard, could the Bard, have been responsible for that substandard stanza? Shakespeare himself would have been flattered but bemused. He lived and worked in the age before the divine artist, and before marketing, when begging, borrowing and stealing material was common - great chunks of Macbeth are lifted from Holinshed's chronicles, which themselves were hardly original.

Shakespeare plays were all in part collective productions, compounds of manuscript, ad lib, revision on stage and who knows - intervention by groundlings. Early on they were works in progress, the common property of the troupe and its patrons. His special gifts make most of them gleam, though there are bad jokes, weak lines and lame couplets aplenty. Other, lesser, play-wrights collaborated heavily - one of the most enjoyable plays of the era, The Witch of Edmonton, is by three authors, at least. The same processes could be widely seen in the pre-modern arts; ateliers and "schools of" in Flemish and Italian painting; music picked up and endlessly adapted by sometimes

obscure German Kapellmeister. Today, by contrast, we are children are dazzied, still, by the sublime models of the past few centuries and as a result we perhaps over-emphasise individual genius.

Getting over-excited by bad Shakespeare (and anyone who thinks there is no bad Shakespeare should try Titus Andronicus) leads to him being locked up inside the canon. Allan Bloom, the American, had good reasons to attempt to set down a central list of "great" works of western civilisation: he was contending with growing illiteracy among American college students and the casual relativism of academic colleagues who rated their authors and painters simply because they were not dead, white or male. But canonisation excludes. It directs the spotlight centre-stage when just off in the darkness there are writers and creators of talent. It leads to the ridiculous doctrine that the lesser works of the greats are necessarily better than the great works of lesser creators.

So Mozart's juvenilia are preferred to the mature works of Cherubini or Hummel. "School of" becomes a term of abuse. The greatest novels of RS Surtees and Thackeray, Smollett and Grassic Gibbon, are overshadowed by lesser works by Dickens or George Eliot. The Bard hides a gallery of contemporaries from Marston to Middleton, Dekker to John Ford who are, at their best, wonderful. It is mildly fun to "discover" a Shakespeare attribution,

of the cult of the romantic genius. We or a possible Bronte novel. But there are many much more exciting discoveries in the mildewed back-rooms of second-hand hookshops or local libraries. They don't get front-page stories or academic seminars, but they are the rich and vivid flesh of our culture.

Excise needs new customs

ustoms and Excise is the depart-ment responsible for collecting VAT and levying duty on petrol and alcohol. The Scott report on arms to Iraq showed, however, that the range of its functions sometimes exceeded its capacity - its performance in that affair smacked of amateurism. In recent years, Customs has sought to stave off the joh cuts that ought to have followed from trade liberalisation in Europe by carving out a new role for itself in policing drugs. Much of its work is well done, But the National Audit Office yesterday had some hard words for its efforts to retrieve money from drug traffickers. Given the size of its drug hauls, Customs officers should really have collected more than such paltry sums. This is a department that needs to throw away its ancient cocked hats and swords and install some high-powered computers. and legal hrains to use them.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

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CHE wish to protest most strongly against the impression conveyed by Roger Dobson's article entitled "25-year cover-up of victims in care" (20 June). Those who were present at the time and gave evidence to the board of governors know that this headline and the rest of the article is a travesty of the

Staff became concerned about the emotional stability of a new headmaster. In an HM-approved school which contained over 100 coovicted juvenile delinquents from Wales and the north-west of England, a level-headed approach and firm hand was needed at the helm, which the headmaster, by virtue of a serious medical condition, was unable to provide.

The headmaster started to fall asleep on duty, and when he began to lose his temper and physically attack boys, the staff met to discuss a form of action, following which an official complaint was made to the board of governors.
Staff recall that events moved

very quickly and within a short time they were called into the board room to give evidence to the board of governors. Staff acknowledged the good work the headmaster had done previously, and recognised that a medical condition was affecting his behaviour.

Members of the board knew the staff and the boys well and quickly came to a decision. The headmaster resigned and a new principal was appointed in due course. Everyone concerned with the event at the time regarded the incident as being correctly and fairly dealt with and closed.

The independent's treatment of this uncomplicated yet regrettable incident, which deserves praise for the integrity and courage of the

staff, has been turned upside down. The article states that "boys were regularly kicked, punched, thrown, kneed and viciously beaten by named staff members", "physical abuse was widespread in the 1960s, and "when one alleged perpetrator was quizzed".

This most misleading account has distorted events in such a manner that readers are deceived into believing that more than one member of staff was involved, and that abuse was widespread. Readers are not informed that it was the decision of the staff to report the headmaster. The fact is that one sick man began behaving hadly, and was stopped by the prompt and correct action of staff. Readers of the article are being

misled by inaccurate phrases such as, "childreo's school", and "residential school", when they deserve to be informed that Bryn Estyn was an approved school managed by the Home Office, to which convicted young offenders were sent by the courts. JOHN RAYFIELD.

Secretary, Bryn Estyn Staff Group

Heroes of the British beaches

Sir: 1 am delighted Liz Loughran was reunited with her lost son by French lifeguards (letters, 21 August). However, her assertion that no such service exists here is thankfully incorrect.

Brighton council operates a team of lifeguards stationed all along the town seafront seven days



'OK, Mr Howard, prove it. Say something vacuous

a week from May to September. The service is equipped as she suggests with radios and a public address system, and also has support from a rescue boat and local Red Cross volunteers.

I spent several happy summers until 1986 as part of the Brighton lifeguard crew and can assure Liz Loughran that should she visit our town she will enjoy excellent care from my former colleagues, though they may be a fittle less hronzed than their French or television COUNTERPRITS. Brighton East Sussex

Political demons

and witches Sir: The controversy surrounding the Conservative Party poster, depicting the Labour leader as a demon, appears to have failed to register the ironic confusion and inversion of witchcraft imagery involved in this curious episode.

In societies where beliefs in the

power of witchcraft are taken seriously, the figure of the satanic witch represents above all antisocial, self-centred ambition and greed, the antithesis of communal interests and goodneighbourliness. The witch is essentially the opposite of the good, socially conscious citizen.
Accusations of withcraft are, thus, typically made against individuals who embody what we may conveniently call the spirit of individualistic capitalist enterprise, in the Thatcherite mould. These values so shamelessly flaunted by

the Conservative Party leadership

are, of course, the opposite of the

essentially social values of the

Labour Party.
While it is not too difficult to envisage the zealous Dr Mawhinney in the guise of the 17th-century Witch-Finder General, Matthew Hopkins, one might have hoped that Lord Saatchi would have done a little more in-depth research to LM LEWIS

London NW5 Fight for EU

democracy Sir: Congratulations on your front page report (20 August) on the lack of democracy in EU decisionmaking - though this comes as no surprise to British Labour MEPs. We have consistently campaigned for greater openness and transparency in the way European legislation is enacted and pressed successfully for the European Parliament's submission to the inter-governmental conference to include a demand for reforms on

these lines.
In this objective we will have support from the new Nordic member states of Sweden and Finland, plus Denmark and the Netherlands, though we know there will be resistance from certain governments, especially those of Britain, France and Germany. These are countries whose governments and civil services are sadly innred in a tradition of secrecy. In this they are

sometimes aided by European bureaucrats with a similar attitude

One vital step in achieving more openness is to ensure a greater and more integrated role for both Enropean and national parliamentarians in approving all European legislation. As a first step, the European Parliament has initiated joint meetings of MEPs and national MPs serving on Emeritus Professor of Anthropology London School of Economics similar parliamentary committees However, only with the support of

all EU governments can this aim be fully realised and persuading them to agree will not be an easy task. Our objective must be to ensure, at the very least, that policy decisions made jointly at the EU level should be as open to parliamentary debate and scrutiny, as well as to public awareness at an early stage, as we would expect to be the case for legislation adopted in our own country. MICHAEL ELLIOTT MEP (London West, Lab)

How to 'dump' A-level pupils

London W13

Sir: Congratulations for being the first to spot the "non-entered candidates" syndrome ("Pupils dumped in exam race", 21 August). It's been going on for years at Alevel. Here's how it works, for a school with a position in the league

tables to maintain. 1. Admit almost anyone to the sixth form (money follows the pupil and you need all you can get).

Set tough exams at the end of lower sixth, to weed out the weakest lot - if they don't pass they can't continue (but you've got the money for a two-year course, so

that's OK). 3. After mocks, don't enter anyone who's "only" going tn get grade C or less (you don't want to bring down your league table position, do you?). Of course he or she can always enter privately, but private entries don't appear on the

school's results.

As a head of sixth form from 1989-94, in a school which does not operate like this, I observed this system developing and saw students' careers being permanently damaged. It is the inevitable result if you put together: a) money follows the pupil; and b) judgement by league GILLJEFFORD High Wycombe,

Buckinghamshire Sir: Another marginal rise has been shown in those who achieve five grades A-C or above at GCSE. Far more worrying is the bleak future of those who will leave school with no qualifications whatsoever. This cohort of pupils is rising at twice

purse. I guess a child who has the the rate of those who achieve five potential for nnly eight tooth fairy visits will indeed look very gapdecent grades. toothed on the first day at school. Until and unless league tables take account both of individual FIONA ROBERTSON starting points and learning Planning Division University of Bradford distance travelled by each pupil, they will remain discriminatory and hide the scale of failure within our education and training system.

The recent Notional Skills Audit,

Lord of misrule? Sir: Is the Monster Raving Tory Party to be led by Screaming Lord

G KING

Shephard, confirms the urgency of

raising the basic and general skills of all our pupils. Failure to do so will result in Britain's social and

economic ruin as thousands of

ANNE WEINSTOCK

Teeth of the

Chief Executive Rathbone C I

evidence

young people become reluctant

ourdens on the state, rather than

Sir. I read with interest the article

(19 August) on "The cost of growing", not least because of the curious notions of infant dentition

it contained. In the first paragraph

we were told of "gap-toothed offspring on that first mnmentous

day at school". Surely more a

feature of the Year 1 or Year 2

photo than the reception class.

up to eight visits from the tooth

fairy". My children have each had

20 first teeth and the tooth fairy is

through them - and the parental

continuing to work her way

It got better - "the potential for

making an active contribution to it.

Need for an ethics council

Sir: A few weeks ago, the issue was the destruction of frozen embryos. The following week's was the abortion of an unwanted twin. This week's was an eight-baby pregnancy. These characterise the new spectrum of health hazards and health-related problems that have emerged during the past few decades.

What they all have in common is that, although they stem from scientific progress, they cannot be answered by scientists alone; although they have implications for health, they cannot be left entirely to doctors; although they require legal controls, they cannot be left entirely to lawyers. They all have a relationship with health, but relate primarily to individuals as people, oot as patients; to the quality of human relationships: to how people live their lives; to the choices they make.
The considerations involved

necessitate new approaches to the process of public consultation and discussion that must not only take account of, and freely question. medical practice and advance, but must also reflect informed public, ethical, moral and social judgements. The issue is more than what is scientifically possible. It is also what is desirable of what is possible.

It is time that society gave more attention to the processes (other than the current "fire-alarm" approaches) by which such questions might be dealt with in the future. There is clearly a need for some form of National Ethical Council with a wide-ranging membership, whose role would not only be to review the issues that stemmed or seemed likely to stem from medical scientific advance but also to promote community understanding and discussion of them. Professor Sit KENNETH STUART Cobham, Surrey

Barrister only doing her job

Sir: I was deeply concerned to read the criticism of a prosecuting barrister ("Women in revealing clothes have no redress, says lawyer, 21 August) for merely doing her joh in telling a court what the present law is relating to

photography in public places. What was allegedly said to the court was correct. To criticise the professional competence of the barrister who said it is misguided. and fails to take account of what the proper role of a prosecuting barrister is: it is to assist the court and not to express the harrister's personal opinions.

It may be that in some quarters the current state of the law is disliked. Instead of shooting the messenger, those who are dissatisfied should turn their attention to hringing about a change in the law to remedy its perceived defects. JOSEPHINE HAYES Chairwoman Association of Women Barristers

Lincoln's Inn London WC2

Sir: Cleavage Castilian-style ("A come-on, or a kind of armour*, 22 August) as reported by John Hay in Castilian Days (1871). A maiden of fifteen said to me: I must go to a party this evening décolletée, and I hate it. Benigno is getting old enough to marry, and he wants to see all the girls in low neck before he makes up his mind.' GRAEME WRIGHT Eastcote, Middlesex

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Why privatising Channel 4 will impoverish us all

The fate of the broadcaster is about more than industry. It's about moral life, says Anthony Smith

burgh, there is a television conference for paying guests attended by everybody who is anybody in UK television. One issue that is hanging over the televisioo festival this year (and which will be formally debated on Monday) is whether the Government will include a commitment in its election manifesto to privatise Channel 4-or. indeed, whether Tony Blair himself might look to selling off Channel 4 as a pos-

Channel 4 is a commercial organisation that occupies a public space, its continued exis-tence is richly justified by its record and by a set of criteria that have become unfashiooable in the 1990s mood. It can serve minorities; it can ignore majorities: it can experiment in any direction it believes right; it can fail and fail again with projects; it can offeod anyooe; it can be unpredictable; and it can invent its own criteria of

Moreover, it can, if it wishes, cock a snook at such sacred cows as news values, ratings success, the star system. It can give its main slots to oovices and let them find their feet. It can back new ideas until they succeed. Of course, the BBC can and should pursue somewhat similar policies, but the corporation has also the wider remit to serve the mainstream audience with mainstream material and has unfortunately largely forgotten that it possesses the luxury of cultural freedom. All the same, it was the presence of Channel 4 that revived BBC2 after some duli

We, in Britain, have mantions for franchises, despite the breaking of the ITV monopoly of advertising, despite the advent of the competitioninducing Independent Television Commission, a commercial televisioo system in which each competitor pursues a different mission, in the case of Channel 4 a completely different mis-

very year, in tandem united States. Unfortunately, with the public arts festival in Edin-legislation left the ITV companies in a cannibalistic feeding frenzy and the result has been precisely the kind of disaster that was predicted. The money available for programme-making has been squeezed relative to the total income available to the companies, because the reformed auction-founded franchises are liable to corporate takeover and encouraged towards every possible economy of scale.

There is less and less "waste" in the system, but it was the excess of facilities and cash over immediate need that

Channel 4 reaches out in the most creative ways

belped British commercial broadcasting to flourish during much of its 35-year history. Today Channel 4 enjoys the privilege of being able to generate more income than it oeeds for survival; and moreover, unlike the old ITV, it has no shareholders looking for massive dividend hand-outs every year. Its umbilical cord to the ITV system oow severed, Channel 4 has become the more prosperous of the entities, with no City analysts to keep happy - only the programme-makers, the audiences and the advertisers. It has come through its first 15 years, including one major structural change, rather triumphantly.

Channel 4's tentacles reach out into our society in the most interesting and creative ways. It stituencies within the general audience. Moreover, its special remit to "innovate", to extend viewer choice and encourage diversity, has meant that it has influenced the rest of our televisioo broadcasting over the last 10 or more years in the most constructive ways. Its early history was chock-a-block with innovation: from the creation



An original view: Derek Jamman's 'Sebastiane', was just one of the films shown by Channel 4 that other broadcasters saw as untelevisable

news programmes direct from Ireland, to the screening of such thought-to-be untelevisable feature films as Derek Jarman's Sebastiane.

Channel 4 is constituted in such a way as to require consomething of a separation between that approval and its revenue flow. With the only national advertising signal in British terrestrial television, it has a plentiful source of reveoue. It boasts in successive annual reports of the incremental growth in its advertising revenue, but if its board so desired it could aim at collecting the minimum occessary to

comments, and the relaying of cover the costs of its programme plans, for there are no tycoons leaning over it, no hungry pension funds, no importu-

In 1993 its net profit was £38.9m and a year later £83.6m. It has recently reported a figure of £128.1m for 1995. In those three years, ITV's collective profits mounted from £150m to £350m, and the total capitalisation of these internecine money-spinners is now about £11bn. And yet the ITV companies, in what Sir Michael Bishop has described as "rogue arrangements", continue to receive a hefty annual share of Channel 4's surplus, and they will continue to draw this curiously conceived payment for

several years to come. These commercial companies somehow convinced n maive government that they required this as compensation for the costs, borne by their prodecessors, of setting up Chanoel 4 in the early 1980s. But in practice Channel 4 was going to become extremely rich extremely rapidly and needed no special protection of this kind. Nor do the ITV

Both institutions, in fact, are excellent candidates for Mr Blair's public utility levy. And both would be encouraged by this thought to speod their sur-

programme-making; and thereafter contribute to the other cultural and educational causes which, in the long run, will

advent of multi-channel digital television might in the course of time exert a downward pressure on these streams of revenue, as might cable and satellite, but Privatisation would bring the prospect of takeover

> I do not wish to give the impression that I think Channel 4 has fully exploited its own freedoms and opportunities, oor that it has used them always unfailingly wisely. I am among those who feels angry and disappointed with much of the channel's output; for example it seems to be buying in a great deal of make-weight stuff which might have been better left on the shelves of the international television trade fairs. It has neglected, in my view, its

these anxieties can be placed in

the more distant future.

duty of scouring the country (and the international scene) for new talent and new ideas -

phases and excess profits on even though its chief executive boasts that "No one can match Channel 4's record for spotting and developing talent." That has been true, but the

> ing programme sources of its and work the commissioning regional workshops. Alan Fountain, the commissioning editor who really searched every highway and byway for interesting ideas and people, has never been replaced and the channel has continued to live oo much of the talent that. it developed in the Isaacs era. It has gradually shifted its emphasis towards evident success and away from the Northwest Frootier of experiment.

tinel protector and patron. Like many who pressed for something like the present Channel 4 system to be set up, I would wish the stricter and traditional interpretation of the remit to be restored. But the reorganisation of the channel as a floated privatised commercial company would do nothing at all to help guarantee the remit which Parliament laid down.

where it used to stand as sen-

Think of what privatisation would open up. First the possibility of corporate takeover, subject to the ITC rules of the moment. With complete or even partial ownership by a for-

sity be guaranteed?
The special role of the chanpersonal dedication to it as a cultural cause. Does anyone seriously believe that that sense of institutional selfhood could survive the baphazard circumstances arising from a nowyou-see-them-now-you-don't form of higher management? But the greatest danger is the very one that the ITV compa-

nies have undergone - and not survived - which is the danger to the sheer quantity of cash available for the commissioning of programmes, the very heart of Channel 4's operation. The only kind of constraint upon the channel that benefits the public is one that makes it move every penny possible from its own corporate to its pro-gramme budgets. Privatisation would at a stroke provide a vast outward sluice for the channel's advertising income and would force it to compete on all-tooeven playing field with the other companies currectly struggling in the commercial

It might be argued that Parliament could lay down the Channel 4

eign company, how would the proportions of revenue that subtleties of the commitment to would have to be spent oo would have to be spent oo

stated kinds of programmes, but that is no substitute for a channel constituted to carry provide the material for future thannel has quietly dropped nel in the last resort is guarantout a given cultural mission and television programmes. The nearly all of the really innovated by the people who run it finds its own way to do so. The cancer of greed that has ot over so much of the pub lic scene in Britain has oot left the people who work in the media immune to its destruc-

tive effects. Many of the people who entered the lists as social experimenters and industry innovators when Channel 4 set up its first team of commissioning editors have been encouraged to abandoo the drive towards public purpose in what they do professionally.

We live in a money-grubbing era. Many are unwilling to help others in the ways that they were themselves belped by Channel 4 into the moving image industry. The bottomline reason for saving Channel 4 from the privatisers is therefore a social one. This has become a hopeless and beliefless society. Channel 4 could act as the forum for a new debate which surely needs to be held about how we can as a society become morally alive again.

The writer is the president of Magdalen College, Oxford, and was a founding director of

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and in real life

It's a woman thing: female smokers are a growing market and cigarette companies know exactly where to strike. Plus Courtney Pine interviewed

IN THIS WEEKEND'S INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

So you want to know about ID cards ...

o, how are these new ID Scards going to work? Very badly. No, but seriously, how are

they going to work?
Well, first of all it's going to be an entirely voluntary scheme, like income tax or having a driving licence.
Oh, come ON! Income tax

isn't voluntary! Nor is having a driving licence! Yon're wrong. They are both entirely voluntary. You can easily get out of income

tax by oot earning any money. You don't have to have a driving licence except in one exceptional circumstance: that is, when you want to drive a

Hmm. Maybe, but everyone will have to have an ID card.

Not at all. Not if you never go out of doors, for instance. So obviously agoraphobics won't need one, nor housebound people, oor kidnap victims

Nor people in prison serving life sentences ...? Oh, no, prisoners will all have ID cards. Michael Howard insists on this.

Why? Because the microchip on the card will send out a beacon warning, and if they escape, prison officers will be

abie to get a fix oo their posileave their ID cards behind? They'd better not. Michael Howard will send them back to prison if they do.

I see ... So how are they going to work?
They will be little plastic cards containing a microchip on which will be coded all the details which The Guardian newspaper would oot like to be revealed about you.

Such as? Your prison record, your voting record, your driving record, your credit rating, your disposable income, your favourite ocwspapers, your marital record, your family record, the new Blur record. Hold on! Hold on! What do

they need all this for? They don't. But there is so much available space on this chip that it would be criminal not to fill it up.

But what are they going



Miles Kington

to do with the information? Who are "they"?
Them. The people in charge.
The faceless people who are running it all.
Oh, but they're not faceless

at all. They've all got ID cards too, with their photos on. This card will have our photos, too?

People won't stand for this. They stand for it already.

Do they? Sure. We all have an ID card mentality already. When people are asked to produce their driving licence or some form of identity, they never demur. When we flash a Visa card or a Switch card, we are letting people into the secrets

of our money supply. Nobody objects to that. Well, an ID card is just all that rolled up into one. People won't object. They oever do. A passport is just an international ID card. isn't it? Even a BT phonecard performs the function of an ID

card in a timy way.
Oh, yes? And just what information about you is encoded in a BT phonecard? The information that you

can afford a phone call.

But if all the functions you describe are already being performed by various cards, what is the point of duplicating it all

with a new, expensive ID card? So that it can all be privatised later, of course. And, don't forget, there'll be many different kinds of ID card. How can there be different

kinds of ID card? Well, the members of the Royal Family will all have a special, royal ID card, which will tell you how near each one is in line to the throne, how much money they are cur-rently bleeding the state for, and so on. There will be a

special ID card for Northern

one angle, will show the Pope's face, bot which, if moved slightly, will reveal a portrait of King Billy. I see ... What would be the point of privatising the ID card? The potential for advertis-

ing on the ID card is enormous. This card will also be IBM-compatible, so you can feed information into it.

It's a floppy disk as well? Yes. Didn't I mention that? So you could theoretically hack into someone's ID card, to get information or leave it?

Or wipe it? Oh, yes. So how is it going to work? In the same way as all gov-ernment initiatives. There will be a period of teething problems. There will be enormous discontent. There will be gen-

bad idea. And then it will be abandoned, like the poll tax? No, it will be retained, like

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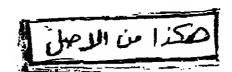
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4 Forgiveness: a strategy against war

Other societies should follow the example of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission

genumely repentant ... and we have gone on our knees hefore God Almighty to pray for His forgiveness," said ex-president de Klerk before the South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation

Commission in Cape Town this week. It is not a term that is familiar to modern political discourse: forgiveness: "Never apologise, never explain," is the politician's usual motto. The concept is unusual enough anywhere m public life that it provokes comment whenever it surfaces. It got 71-year-old cancer sufferer Sir Conrad Swan into the news yesterday when he said outside the court that he forgave the hit-and-run Porsche driver who killed his wife. Indeed the last time it surfaced in a significant way was nine years ago after the bomb at the Enniskillen war memorial wheo Gordon Wilson, the father whose daughter died holding his hand in the rubble, amazed the world by announcing immediately that he forgave the IRA.

And yet the conditions for forgiveness in the modern world are ripe. Since the fall of Communism and the democratisation which has followed the end of military dictatorships in the Pinochet era bave been allowed to slide

pared to admit its many mistakes of the past and is

Third World, society after society has confronted the same question; how to deal with the offences of the past and heal the rifts they have caused.

It is, of course, a culturally defined issue. That became clear when war veterans demanded an apology of the Japanese on the 50th anniversary of VJ-Day. In the event the gap could not be bridged between the Japanese culture of shame, where the ultimate betrayal is the violation of a common trust, and the Western culture of guilt, where it is an inner code of cooscience which is supposed to govern behaviour. Such differences must cast doubt on the likely efficacy, or desirability, of the notion that a UN Inter-oational War Crimes Tribunal should be inaugurated to sit as a permanent body. Eveo within the Judeo-Christian

tradition coming to terms with the past has been handled in different ways. Most countries have gone for truth or reconciliation, but not both. In Argentina members of the former regime have owned up to crimes, but knowing that a pardon was promised (a pardoo is not forgiveness, merely a decision to allow an offence to go unpunished). In Chile the villains of the



off into the past. In El Salvador the USbacked government assassins are still around, with their misdeeds simply publicty unacknowledged. East Ger-many staged some trials, but many of them were inconclusive; in a country where as many as 10 per cent of the population worked for the secret police, guilt is something that appears to attach to a state, a culture and an entire people rather than to individuals. In the UK, receot pursuit of Nazi war criminals in their eighties in Surrey or Edinburgh has highlighted our own amhivalences.

The question this begs is: who forgives? Can it truly be only the victims or their relatives, those who suffered from the offence and who need justice to provide an end to their awful nofinished story? Or can society take it were part of the conflict ... I accept st peace with itself.

upon itself to forgive on their behalf, such overall responsibility in respect even as it dispenses justice on the grounds that the victims are too partisan to pronounce fairly?

In part that depends on whether forgiveness is an emotion or an act of will. It depends too where the crime is located. In the past casuistry has always traced sin back to the morally culpable acts of individuals. More recently moral theologians have per-ceived that evil can be inherent in systems whose structures must be transformed if social justice is to be schieved. The Pope has written receotly of "influences and obstacles which go far beyood the actions and brief lifespan of an individual". He had in mind systems of unfair trade that keep the Third World poor, but the notion is equally applicable to the system of apartheid.

FW de Klerk acknowledged as

much this week. "We are all childreo of our times and the product of the cultural and political circumstances into which we were born and with which we grew up," he told Desmond Tutu's commission. "Obviously, there rests an overall responsibility oo the leadership of the various parties, organisations and institutions which of the period of my leadership. Of course, there are those who

have cast doubt on his sincerity. And yet, even if his apology is rooted only in expediency, it performs a valued function. One of the lessons of history is that without apology and a plea for forgiveness some wounds never heal. That is the story of Northern Ireland. of Bosnia and of Cyprus, which until recently some of us fondly assumed had gone away. Such rankling is what lies behind apparently foolish sugges-tions that the United States should apologise for Columbus or Europe for the Crusades.

Forgiveness, then, may be a utilitarian strategy as much as an ethical imperative. It can be rooted in secular concepts of virtues and vices, rights and duties, rewards and retributions, as much as in the Methodism of Mandela or the summum bonum of Arch-hishop Tutu's Christian interaction of

forgiveness, love, justice. For it is the possibility of forgive which makes remorse feasible. Remorse is the start of reparation. Reparation is the beginning of rebuilding the process of trust. And without trust no society can ever come to be

BOOK REVIEW

The Dav Before Yesterday: Reconsidering America's past, Rediscovering the Present

Michael Elliott

Simon and Schuster, New York, \$23

Waking from the **American Dream**

foreigner arriving in the US in this election seaible presence. It is invoked in every candidate's speech; its condition is monitored as closely as a car crash victim in intensive care. It is, of course. the "American Dream" - variously held to be vibrant or fading, re-emerging or imperilled, depending on whether the speaker is in or out of office.

"Restoring the American Dream" was the slogan of the Republican convention in San Diego, where even the dour Bob Dole acquired oratorical wings as he spoke about the better America of his youth. "1 know, because I was there. I have seen it." A few days later. Ross Perot proclaimed: "I have lived the American Dream," promising that if elected Presdent he would ensure that anyone else could be a billionaire if they really wanted. And as surely as Lake Michigan laps at the shores of Chicago, Bill Clinton will be extolling the Dream in the Windy City next week. But what is the Dream - and,

if it is so lofty and inspiring, why do most modern Americans whine so much about their lot? No matter that the economic recovery is now in its sixth year, that unemployment is half that of Europe and inflation next to non-existent, and America stands proud and unchallenged as the world's guardian superpower. Alas, for its lucky but complaining inhabitants, this is not enough. Poll after poll shows a large majority con-vinced that the country is on the wrong track".

Such is the paradox of mod-ern America which Michael Elliott masterfully explains. His thesis is simple: that the country is living under a crippling illusion, that one single period of exceptional harmony and prosperity has been the natural from the Founding Fathers to

the present day. Instead, as Mr Elliott argues, this period by which all is measured was a freak, lasting from 1945 to the late 1960s (indeed time the Democrats gathered in Chicago). It was when family values truly reigned, when wives did not have to work and when I Love Lucy and Sergeant Bilko ruled the airwaves, Everyone grew better off, year after Campaign '96. year. This was what later generations have mythologised as the "American Dream".

As is to be expected from an ex-Economist man, Mr Elliott is an unquenchable pro-American optimist. But in an age when so many Americans seem just the opposite, that is a pos-itive relief. And he performs the pricetess service of reminding us that the Golden Age was the exception, not the rule. It was brought about by a World War that physically laid waste America's competitors, and nurtured by a Cold War which only strengtheoed a sense of shared national purpose. America's chronic tensions and inequalities were blunted by the spectre of Communism abroad. by progress towards civil rights at home and by abnormally low immigration. One way and another, the country was as homogeneous and as at peace with itself as it has ever been.

America today is not so much going to the dogs as reverting to type

Of course the Golden Age couldn't last. Alas, for people who were children or young adults in those years - among them Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and the generations who run today's America - it was the formative period.

In fact, America today is not so much going to the dogs as reverting to type. Perhaps the verbs in the subtitle of Mr Elliott's book should be reversed. The American past is not so much to be reconsidered, as rediscovered. For in so many ways the modern US resembles America before the First World War. That too was a turbulent, messy, violent but infinitely creative place. Just as now, birthright of every American, huge earlier waves of immigration were changing the face of the country. Just as it leads the information revolution today, so America led the revolutions of electricity and mechanisation a century or more ago. Then as its end might he dated to the now, unsettling change was a riots of August 1968, the last constant. If only Americans had politicians who dared tell them so, instead of engaging m a bidding war of impossible promises - how much saner and more contented the country would be. If only. Welcome to

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Is Boris Yeltsin dead?

And if he were, would we know it? Peter Popham looks at rumours - exaggerated and otherwise - of the demise of great figures

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Or not as the case may be. Boris Yeltsin, who has been on and off the media's critical list since at least April 1993, is now dead, according to rumours emanating from Moscow's financial markets. Yesterday he was "seen" on and in "excellent health"; but he has TV, but what does that prove? Perhaps he is comatose, and his sinister circle of drinking buddies, his so-called "sauna cabinet", is trying to keep it quiet. Or perhaps he is merely biding his time, waiting for his enemies to disappear into the Chechen quagmire. How can we tell? Who are we to believe?

With Yeltsin, even those in the front line have often found it difficult to know. When President Clinton tried to reach him by the presidential hot line in 1994, his call went unanswered for three days. "Technical reasons" were cited. For those three days, Clinton had no way of knowing whether the technical reasons in question might not be the terminal failure of the presidential ticker.

In July 1995, anxious to assure the world's press that their leader was fighting fit, the Kremlin issued a photograph of Yeltsin - but NBC, the American television network, insisted it was a still from a video shot three months peviously. The Kremlin issued furious denials, but until the following week, when Yeltsin gave a television interview admitting that he had just had another beart attack, nobody outside his immediate circle could say with confidence that he was not already under the hand of the embalmer.

Yeltsin is only the latest Soviet leader to have his true state of health shrouded in clouds of obfuscation. Brezhnev, Andropov and Cherneko were similarly treated. Where succession is uncertain, and its consequences likely to be terri-fying, too much depends on keeping the

old boys going for anybody to be interested in telling the truth.
In China, where Deng Xiaoping turned 92 yesterday (Happy Birthday, Mr Deng), periodic bullerins declare him to be active in good arrived. him to be active, in good spirits, keenly interested in national affairs, not been seen in public for three years, and a Hong Kong tabloid reports that £800 a day is being spent in the effort to keep him alive. Because once he is gone, no matter how feeble his condition in his last years, it's like the roof beam falling in: everything changes, in the most alarming and unpredictable fashion.

When life finally cbbs away, even the most byzantine regime must eventually concede the fact. El Cid, dead but strapped upright in his saddle to appear alive, served his Spanish forces well, but was eventually accorded a decent burial. But where leadership is in the spiritual sphere, things can get much more complicated. When Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the leader of the Lubavitch sect of Hassidic jews, lost the power of speech after a stroke in 1994, some of his followers inter-

preted his hand gestures to mean that he was declaring himself the Messiah. News of the death of the fifth Dalai Lama reached his followers only 10 years after the event, while the Shingon sect of esoteric Buddhism in Japan maintains that its founder, Kobo Daishi, transcended death altogether: his mummified body, legs crossed in the lotus posture, still occu-



ciples bring him meals every day. Power and the living image of the powerful are so closely intertwined that you disentangle them at your peril. In Stalinist societies, the leader's life and the regime's survival became inextricably linked, and nothing any insider said on the subject was believed. Hence the army of Kremlinologists and Peking watchers and Pyongyang specialists of old, examining satellite photographs to see who's in, who's out, who's dead. Rumours of death surrounded North Korea's dictator, Kim Il Sung, from at least 1986, when he was rumoured to have been assassinated. When he finally died in July 1994, it took the authorities the best part of another year

At long range, it is easy to get lines crossed. Ten years ago the dollar took a battering when the Japanese thought President Ronnie Reagan was dead. A Tokyo banker had misunderstood a chance remark about the state of health of Lonnie Donegan

Back home, of course, it all appears far more cosy: everyone knows that John Major is on his hols, the Queen Mother is at Balmoral (although not long ago the Australian's woke up one morning to false reports of her demise), and at least where matters of life and death are concerned, our machinery of government is imprespies his old meditation hut, and his dis- to embalm him, by which time sively transparent. Yet looked at from

observers were beginning to speculate afar, would such complacency appear about the health of his son and heir. afar, would such complacency appear be justified? A Pyongyang-based Loodon watcher might point out that it's only 40 years since Sir Winston Churchill's massive stroke and subsequent incapacity, totally hushed up by a servile press. How much has changed, they might ask Like Yeltsin, Major seems to take remarkably long holidays. In the latest scrap over putting the Union Flag on the new driving licence, Major's input has been conspicuous only by its absence. And what about his fabled greyness, a sure sign of moribundity? Perhaps the hizarre truth is that be died long ago. As Dorothy Parker remarked wheo told of the death of Calvin Coolidge,



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THE CENTRAL FACTS FROM THE COURSES YOU ALWAYS MEANT TO TAKE, IN 25 LECTURES

Tou once had a lot more brain cells than you do now, but they died. The reason is that babies don't learn to roll, talk, and reach for duckies by starting with s small number of brain cells, and then building up extra. Rather they begio with a vast excess, many tens of hillions more than will survive, and then, operating on the Samuel Johnson principle of editing -'If in doubt, cut it out"-hegin a Great Cull.

The selections are easily made, on the basis of what the world it's landed in requires. Japanese habies can tell apart the "!" and "r" sounds which Japanese adults struggle with, and English babies can distinguish all consonantal contrasts in Hindi. Waiting circuits that aren't reinforced by being heard weaken, detach, are harvested by prowling house-keeping cells, and then get dumped in the bloodstream for removal.

Brain cells which survive the Great Cull get nourished, and wrapped in fatty tubes to speed their electoral communications with each other. Since cholesterol is an excellent insulator, easily made by the body, it becomes one of the main components of the brain. By age seven, the cull is over, and although the remaining circuits can book up in fresh configurations, it's hard to learn

totally new skills - such as a language at native fluency - as well after this age as before. The apparatus of extra circuitry is tabolically just too expensive to keep oo lugging around. From the late teens on the

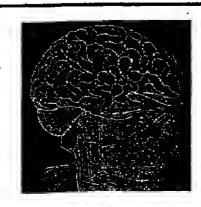
brain has slowed so much that it's taking only 20 per cent of the body's oxygeo supplies – half a four-year-old's level. There aren't going to be any new brain cells produced from here on, so the ones inside are well guarded. Blood entering the cranium gets filtered with a thoroughness matched only within the testicles - another container whose internal protection is recommended for species survival.

It's tempting to think that the insides of this fortress brain are divided into distinct areas, with separate parts for reason, emotions and vision, and a controlling sector on top of it all. But everything's much more dispersed. Vision, for example, isn't just a matter of carrying miniature copies of what the eye registers deeper into the brain. Even while still at the retina, the signal gets a first processing to boost the intensity of angles and edges. Then, once it's called to the main visual analysis centre at the back of the head, the truly surreal separations begin. Signals dealing with movement are ripped away and shuttled to one area; signals dealing



The Brain VISITING LECTURER: David Bodanis

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with overall shape, colour and depth are pushed on to others. Similar deconstructions take place with our memory, word recognition, and other functions of the brain.

This is why strokes can be soeh an odd catastrophe. Destructions in the visual movement centre will make a street full of speeding cars seem desolately empty, with only the occasional parked cars being noticed. One woman with s lesioo in this area could see tea when it was in an open pot, but when suddenly seemed to disappear for her. Only once it was settled in her cup, static enough for functioning brain group-ings to take over, would it pop back into existence.

Increase the magnification down to the individual cells that carry our dispersed self around, and an even stranger landscape appears. Any vision of a controlling centre has vanished. Gnarled, long brain cells stretch forward in the darkness, laboriously pumping their electrical signals along. Since the cell endings don't quite touch, bubbling molecules are constantly being shuttled across the gaps to start up the circuit on the next side. These are the famous neurotransmitters, often of a simple, three-dimensional

shape, which caffeine, crack,

Prozac, nicotine and other chemicals can notoriously speed, duplicate, or slow. The whole frantically-firing structure lasts a surprisingly

long time, as most creatures our size have lifespans much shorter than ours. But even in a young adult it's quietly falling apart, with the brain's weight shrinking slightly from about age 25. By age 40, an estimated 5 per cent of the brain cells in the oetworks installing memories die each decade. Later other cells will shrink, or get hemmed in by decaying substance.
It sounds enough to justify

Yeats's lament about being yoked to a dying animal, but it's not as one-way a decline as once thought. New connections form in the memoryinstallation centres, apparently by surviving cells trying to make do for the ones being lost. The cloud-like dispersal of our personality helps here. Although it may take longer to find a memory, its fragments will be so widely scattered that at least large parts of it are likely to still be around, somewhere, to be reached.

There's even comforting evidence that the mere effort of learning something oew can accelerate the rate at which the surviving brain cells make fresh connections. A DIY

course, anyone? Monday: Renaissance Art

Professor Stephan Kuttner

Stephan Kuttner, the historian of canon law, was one of the last scholarship whom a combination of the grace of God and sheer good fortune preserved for civilisation at a time when the grace of God, good fortune and civilisation itself seemed

otherwise to be in short supply. A man of profound and discriminating culture, Kuttner was a brilliant musician and accomplished pianist who might have made a career in musical composition. On the occasion of his 80th birthday there was a family party attended by 40 or more of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Serenading it was a string quartet which performed the usual repertoire. Schubert, Mozart etc. But what was that last piece, Kuttner enquired? It was was a quartet of his own, from the early 1930s.

The year 1990 saw the first performance of his Missa brevis. "Harmony from Dissonance", the title of his 1960 Wimmer Lecture, was as much an account of the lecturer's view of the world at large, and of his hopes for it, as it was of formed it, providing a firm

dieval canon law with which the canoo law and demonstrating, illed for a second time. The sto- and the German Order Pour le lecture was concerned. With of those giants of European Stephan Kuttner everything

He might equally have made

his way as a poet, At Christmas 1992 he sent his friends copies of his Gedichte. Together with works of his own, which the wider world will never see, alas, these included some exquisitesensitive translations of Hölderlin. In his last months he resigned himself entirely to the blandishmeots of those two muses. In 1933, however, as well as marrying Eva Ilich, with whom for ever after he comprised a single radiant entity, he had opted for legal history.

Of Jewish descent and Lutheran upbringing, as a young man Kuttner converted to Catholicism. Also in 1933 (fateful year), he was forced to leave his native Germany and began work in the Vatican Library on the project for which, above all others, workers in the field will continue to hless him, his Repertorium der Kanonistik (1937). He had identified a new area of medieval scholarship and, at a stroke, transbasis for the study of medieval

once and for all, why the central place he claimed for it was one to which its claim was ir-

Not everyone in Major's Britain will appreciate the sig-nificance of that. It is in Major's Europe that, like it or not, the fact remains that the law by which medieval Europe's society was regulated was the law of the medieval church. The heroic search for canon-

istic manuscripts which Kuttner undertook throughout those parts of Europe still accessible to someone of his antecedents in the late 1930s remains one of the great one-man scholarly enterprises of modern times. Everywhere he went he encountered new curiosities. In Cambridge, for example, he found the fellow-librarian of one of its colleges with a cup of tea perched on one knee, a medieval manuscript on the other. and a pipe in his mouth which. despite his young visitor's protestations, he insisted on leaning over to light from the open fire. Half a century later, Kuttner still shuddered at the

In 1940 the Kuttners were ex-

ry of their flight from the Vatican. Stephan taking one route. Eva and the children the other, the same at Lisbon airport

with Stephan on one side of the enclosure, his family on the other, and interested German agents looking on, might so easily have turned out differently. lí very nearly did. If it had - and but for the intervection of the cardinal pa-

triarch of Lisbon it surely would have - then the history of medieval scholarship would have turned out differently too. As it was, from Lisbon the Kuttners moved to Washington, initially on a two-year appointment at the Catholic University. There, in 1943 Kuttner founded the journal Traditio, and in 1955 he established the Institute of Medieval Canon Law to which, successively at Washington, Yale and Berkeley, scholars from all over the world flocked to work with him. His intellectual distinction

was recognised by the 17 universities from which he received honorary doctorates between 1952 and 1989, and was acknowledged by membership of the Institut de France

Mérite.

One of the present century's truly inspirational teachers. Kuttner combined scrupulous attention to textual migratiae with a generous and wide-ranging appreciation of the complex inter-relationship of law and life - and not only medieval law andlife. In 1967 Pope Paul VI recruited him to serve on the Pon- leans to which a scholar of his tifical Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law. Yet above all it was his institute and the series of Congresses of the History of Medieval Canon Law over which he presided for almost 40 years by which his distinctive cootribution to international scholarship will always be re-

With the passage of years, increasingly he appeared a patriarch, which he was. But he was also an imp. On a golden day in Cambridge in 1984, during the Seventh Congress, he delivered a luminous lecture on Gratian, the father of canon law. This, as it turned out, was his swan-song to the Europe that had lost him, the Europe to which, the older he got, he seemed increasingly eager to

return from his eventua Californian retreat But only for short spells. For he loved Cal-Hornia. Its climate suited his temperament. Also he liked to swim. His voice, was everyoft. gentle and low. It was ear the first day of the recent Relia.

Congress at Syracuse New

would not be hurried because there was no hurry. For all his innumerable works of scholarship, published and republished, for Stephan Kutner.

there was no rush because there

was an eternity of scholarship

York that he died and a Dogged by institutional prof stature ought never to have expectation, an expectation which he sometimes encouraged, of a revised Repertorum. Those who regarded this as a serious possibility had underestimated his concern for perfection however. Sure, there was material enough for a full-scale revision of that seminal work. Over the previous half century Kuttner himself had accumulated it. What there was not was time enough for its organisation by a scholar who



stretching out ahead. Kuttner enjoyed that confidence, a confidence born of deep faith. Together with his beloved wife and his ever-sustaining family, his sense of eternity was all that mattered and his enduring strength.

Peter Linchan

Stephan George Kuttner, historian of the middle ages and canon law. born Bonn, Germany 24 March 1907; Assistant, School of Law, ceased); died Berkele University of Berlin 1929-32; nia 12 August 1996.

Research Associate, Vatican Library 1933-40; Professor of History of Canon Law. Catholic University of America, Wash-ington 1940-64; Riggs Professor of Roman Catholic Studies, Yale University 1964-70; Professor of Law and Director of the Robbins Collection, University of California-Berkeley 1970-89 (Emeritus); married 1933 Eva Susanne Illch (five sons, three daughters and one son deceased); died Berkeley, Califor-

John Lanigan

The Australian tenor John Flute. In 1953 he took over the Lanigan was for nearly 30 years Earl of Essex in Gloriana from one of the mainstays of the Roy-al Opera, Covent Garden, first in leading lyric roles, then in

character parts.
As the Duke of Mantua in Rigoletto, Rodolfo in La Bohème, Alfredo in La Traviata, Pinkerton in Madama Butterfty or Jenik in The Bartered Bride, he made a dashing and con-vincingly youthful hero through-out the 1950s. However, it is probably for his Shuisky in Boris Godunov, Flute in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Rector in Peter Grimes, Mime in Das Rheingold and in Siegfried, Monsieur Triquet in Eugene Onegin or his Spalanzani in Les Contes d'Hoffmann that he will be best remembered. His ability to draw a fully-rounded character, both musically and dramatically, appeared effortless, but in fact a great deal of careful observatioo weot into these

John Lanigan was born in Seddon, Victoria, in 1921. His critical acclaim, His manner, a mother sang in J.C. Williamson's Gilbert and Sullivan productions under the name Lucy character, while the smooth Colahan. Lanigan studied with Horace Stevens at Melbourne excellence of his Russian Conservatory, but was called up accent all added to its autheoduring the Second World War ticity, as can be heard on a fine and served in the Army Signal Corps. With help from his comrades in obtaining leave, he managed to compete in the 1945 Melbourne Sun Aria Contest, which be won with the Prize

Song from Die Meistersinger. After demobilisation the folto study further, first in Milan, theo in London with Dino Borgioli. He made his début in 1949 with the New Londoo Opera Company at the Stoll Theatre, singing Fenton in Falstaff, and Rodolfo in La Bohème.

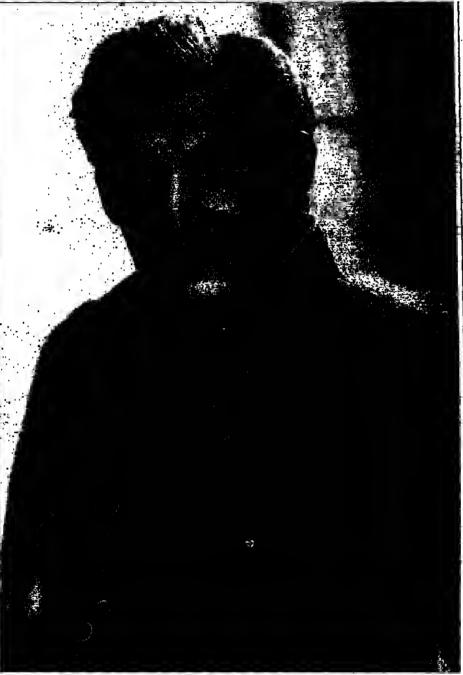
In August 1951 Lanigan sang the leading tenor role of Thadeus at some of the 13 performances of Balfe's The Bohemian Girl, but oo at Covent Garden at the instigation of Sir Thomas Beecham. Then, on 30 October the same year, he sang the Duke of Mantua as a member of the company. His other roles that seasoo were Rodulfo, and Tamino in The Magic

Peter Pears, who had created the part in Britten's Coronation opera. After Pinkerton, Alfredo and Jenik, in 1955 Lanigan scored a considerable personal success, creating Jack, the mechanic, in Michael Tippett's The Midsummer Marriage. The following year he took on another very congenial role, Laca in Jenuja, in the British stage premiere of Janacek's opera. Lanigan's next three roles,

Hylas in Berlioz's The Trojans, the Chevalier in Poulenc's The Carmelites (another British premiere) and Cassio in Verdi's Otello were all lyrical; then in 1958 came a major dramatic part, Shuisky in *Boris Godunov*. The opera was sung in Russian, and the scene in the Kremlin between Shuisky and the Tsar, sung by Boris Christoff, achieved tremendous dramatic tension. Lanigan, "ooe of the best Shuiskys there can ever have been", received his full share of mixture of servility and evil, was totally in keeping with the oiliness of his voice and the complete recording of the

opera. Though Lanigan continued to sing roles such as Count Almaviva in The Barber of Seville and Fenton in Falstaff with success, in the 1960s he began to concentrate more and more lowing year, he came to Europe on character parts. The finest of these, after Shuisky, was un-doubtedly Flute in A Midsum-mer Night's Dream; his hilarious take-off of operatic mad scenes as Thisbe in the play-within-theplay invariably caused a riot. Another Britten cameo was the Rector in Peter Grimes, which he also recorded. In 1962 Lanigan created another role in an opera by Tippett, Hermes in King Priam. Later he took over Pandarus in William Walton's and especially Dr Caius in Fal-Troilus and Cressida, a character which, like Flute, was first

sung by Peter Pears. Despite his considerable



Destring and youthful: Lanigan in The Bartered Bride, 1955 Photograph: Houston Rogers / The Theetre Museum

in 1976 by two roles, the Soldier and the Madman, in Hans

Werner Henze's We Come to the

dwarf Mime, while his "Tinca" in Puccini's Il tabarro, Spalan-zani in Les Contes d'Hoffmann

staff were all remarkable.
In 1970 he was presented with an effective new character in Richard Rodney Bennett's height, Lanigan made an ex-cellent and very malignant rad's novel. Lanigan was out-

standing as the sadistic, pervert- Garden to June 1981 as the Reced Mr Jones. This was followed tor in Peter Grimes. in 1972 by a vivid portrayal of a very different character, the Cardinal/Archhishop in Peter Maxwell Davies's Toverner, and

Elizabeth Forbes John Lanigan, operatic tenor. born Seddon, Australia 7 Janu-

ary 1921; married 1950 Bettina Hayes (one son, and one daugh-ter deceased); died Victoria, Van-River. He last sang at Covent couver Island I August 1996.

Sir Brian Warren

Brian Warren was one of the most prominent and fashionable London general practitioners of his day. It was his wit, warmth and no-nonsense wisdom (to which as his son-in-law for 15 which as his son-in-law for 15
years. I was privy) that made
him so popular a doctor among
his largely will to do patients,
many of whom also inevitably
became his lifelong friends.
Not least among them was Sir
Edward Heath, who first be-

came his patient as a young post-war Tory MP, and with whom Warren travelled the world a quarter of a century later as personal physician to the prime minister for four heady years. When Heath visited China in May 1974 it was his doctor and close friend whom he left behind to supervise the safe passage to London Zoo of two giant pendas, in the vain hope that

they might breed in captivity. Political soulmates, who differed only over Heath's need to lose weight, prime minister and physician also shared a profound passion for music - happily symbolised during the Downing Street years by the after-dinner madrigals laid on by Warren's other son in-law, Martin Neary, organist and choirmaster of Winchester Cathedral, then tin Neary Singers recently made a costalgic return to Downing mon-sense doctor, believing quite literally that a little of what Heath's 80th birthday.

Born in Toddington, Bedfordshire in 1914, the elder son of an East Anglian gentleman farmer, Warren inherited from his mother a lifelong love of the countryside in all its aspects. A countryman at heart, forced to live, work and garden primarily in the city, he could always identify the rarest bird and the most obscure flower. His knowledge of literature and music was as formidable, combining with his personal style to create an elegant gentleman of an unasham-edly old school, proud of maintaining immaculate standards in every department of his life. He might well have been a sol-

dier or a politician rather than a general practitioner. From Bishop's Stortford School he went to University College, Lon-

don, to read History, only later transferring to Medicine at University College Hospital. At this such as Enoch Powell. With the survival of the National Health time he met the talented young doctor whom he married in 1942, Josephine Barnes (now Dame Josephine, one of Britain's most distinguished gynae-cologists), with whom he had two daughters and a son. She was to be the first of Warren's two wives; after their divorce in 1964 he married a fellow Westminster councillor, Anne Marsh, with

whom he had two more sons before her untimely death in 1983. The majority of Warren's tinguished war service, which earned him a mention in despatches, was spent on active service as medical officer to the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards Among the first troops to enter Berlin in 1945, he was then transferred to Bonn as Deputy Director of Medical Services with the Guards Ar-

moured Division. But his first child had aheady been born, and the following year he rejuctantly left the military life he so relished, bought and restored a tumbledown house in Belgravia, and set up the consulting rooms which soon became the hub of a fastgrowing, highly successful practirelessly sympathetic bedside manner also helped to turn de-

manding patients into frieods. As well as Heath, his early patients included the then editor of the Times, Sir William Haley,



Warren: a little of what you fancy

Service in 1948, Warren's political convictions led him to remain in private practice, as well as running for Westminister City Council, which he served with distinction for 30 years, many as chairman of the health committee. In 1959, after four years as a local councillor, he made his one attempt to become an MP, with an inevitably doomed assault on Marcus Lipton's Labour stronghold in Brixton.

By the 1970s, when his old friend Ted Heath was elected to Downing Street, Warren was already a familiar and popular figure at senior Tory gatherings. On Heath's first day in office, he was summoned to attend to a cigarette burn inflicted by a dissident in the crowd as the new Prime Minister arrived at Tory Central Office. In Brussels, 18 months later, he was again on hand when ao assailant threw a pot of printer's ink at the prime minister as he arrived to sign the Treaty of Accession. Knighted in Heath's farewell honours in 1974, Warren remained characteristically loval to his old frieod during the trials of the Thatcher years, while fanatic, he was more of a com- also maintaining friendships with other senior Tories who survived the transition, notably Lords Whitelaw and Pym.

Not until the late 1970s did Warren begin to wind down his practice, gradually returning to his first loves of reading and music, gardening and travel. As a doctor with long experience of elderly patients, he knew all too well the signs of his own failing powers. Over the last few months, with typical style, he bid a series of fond, unsentimental farewells to friends and family.

Anthony Holden Harold Brian Seymour Warren, general practitioner: born Tod-dington, Bedfordshire 19 December 1914; Personal Physician to the Prime Minister 1970-74; kt 1974; married 1942 Josephine Barnes (marriage dissolved 1964; one son, two daughters), 1964 Anne Marsh (died 1983; two sons); died London 18 August 1996.

Masao Maruyama

In a Japan becoming ever more standardised, the innovative political scientist Masao Maruyama provided the welcome example of a free-thinking anti-establishment figure of great authority amid a multitude of consensus-minded businessmen and administrators whose concept of intellectual analysis reposed on the recitation of production figures and the percentages of everything. He was an outspokeo critic of post-war government irre-sponsibility, of fascism masquerading as the new-found 'democracy". He was a significant opinion leader among the progressive spirits of that time. Manyama was one of the few cootemporary Japanese think-

ers to have gained credibility in the west, and his writings and opinions can be found quoted not in popularising ego-boost-ing blockbusters like Japan as No I, but in serious works of social criticism like Karel van Wolfereo's The Enigma of Japanese Power and Peter N. Dale's The Myth of Japanese Uniqueness.
But Maruyama also erected

system of thought that greatly influenced Japanese intel-lectuals in their studies of full professor, a post he held un-Japan's often mystifying political processes. Soon there was 'Maruyama Current" and the "Maruyama Sect" of his sup-

a political journalist. After graduating from the law department of Tokyo University in 1937, he was made a faculty member. He suffered from ill-health nearly all his life, but he fought dur-ing the Pacific War, and that experience and his sense of guilt became the motive powers of all his writing, as he explains in a 1961 work, Nihon no Shiso ("Japanese Thought"). He re-sumed his post at Tokyo Uni-

til his retirement in 1971. He took the standpoint of a democratic humanist in his teachings and writings, which orters. contributed immeasurably to Masao Maruyama was born the development of political sci-

the Occupation onwards. His any criticism of the Imperial work is a penetrating analysis of Japan's social and ideological situation, as can be seen in his seminal work, Chokokka shugi no rouri to shiuri ("The Logic and Psychology of Ultrana-tionalism") which in 1946 brought him to the forefront of sceptical commentators in the early excited misapprehensions of the nature of "freedom" and

"democratic ideals".

After years of repressive military rule, Marryama's book created shock waves in the Diet and in university circles. It analysed unsparingly the spiritual underpinnings of pre-war and post-war antidemocratic organisations, especially the in Osaka Prefecture, the son of entific thought in Japan from Emperor system. At that time,

family was absolutely taboo. In 1956-57, he also attracted attention, not always favourable, with his best-selling, two-volume Gendai seiji no shiso to kodo ("Thought and Behav-iour in Modern Japanese Politics") and his 1976 work Senchu to sengo no aida ("Between the War and the Postwar Eras"). These and most of his other writings have been widely translated and published in learned journals, and several books have been written about him in Japan, notably Ryumei Yoshimoto's Muryama Masao Ron ("A Discussion on Masao Murayama"), 1963, and Juichiro Imai's "Maruyama Masao's Working Notes", 1964. He had

been invited as Visiting Professor at Harvard University and to various European institutions.

Maruvama was always on the side of the underdog, and he gave his full support to the student demonstrations of 1960. However, certain of his ideas taken up by left-wingers who only half understood the significance of his arguments, engendered violence on a wide scale, denounced by Marryama as worse than the excesses of Fascist and Japanese militarists. It was a misinterpretation of his hasic ideas that greatly saddened him, for it was obvious that student leaders had not really "studied" his books, com-posed with exceptional elegance and clarity. He also came under of one of his books aptly Tokyo 15 August 1996.

attack from certain fellow pro- summed him up as "logical libfessors, nationalist academics who condemned his life's work as a total rejection of Japan's cultural and historical past. (The "economic miracle" was having deleterious effects on the whole of intellectual life). He was also criticised for his thought's affinity with progres-sive Christian ethics and Euro-

pean existentialist philosophy. Masao Maruvama was elected a member of the Japan Academy in 1982, and honorary foreign corresponding member of the British Academy in 1982, then honorary foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1984. The Times in a review

Always an individualist with a sharp eye for social bumhug. Maruyama expressed the wish that no funeral ceremony be held for him. So though he died on 15 August, his death was not .. announced until the 18th, when the funeral had been carried out. He also requested that the only form of memorial service should be a colloquium atteoded by friends and colleagues to investigate and discuss the universe of his thought.

James Kirkup Masao Maniyama, political scientist and writer born Osaka 1914; married (one son); died

Births. Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

MOSEOVIC: Meir Ernst, Peacrfully at home on Wednesday 2t August. Cherished husband of Eve, beloved father of Naomi and Eleanor. The funeral has already taken place.

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Brendan Jackson, former Air Member for Supply and Organisation, Ministry of Defence, 61; Lord Kissin, life president, GPG, 84; Mr Stanley Kitchen, chartered accountant, 83; Mr Peter Lilley MP, Secretary of State for Social Security, 53; Dr Onora O'Neill, Principal, Newnham College, Cambridge, 55; Sir Brian Pearse,

chairman, Housing Corporation, 63; Mr Bob Peck, actor, 5t; Mr James Quinn, film producer and exhibitor, 77; Mr David Robb, actor, 49; Mr Willy Russell, author and playwright, 49: Sir Rov Strong, writer and his-torian, 61; Mr Peter Thomson, golier, 67; Field Murshal Sir Richard Vincent, former chairman of Military Committee, NATO, 65; Mr Charles

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Wardle MP, 57; Sir Brian Young, for-mer chairman, Christian Aid, 74.

Anniversaries Births: Louis XVI, King of France, 1754; Sir Astley Paston Cooper, sur-geon, 1768; William Dent Priestman, oil engine inventor, 1847; Moritz Moszkowski, composer, 1854; Edgar Lee Masters, poet and novelist, 1869; Sir Henry Thomas Tizard, scitons, 1885; Ernst Krenek, Viennese-bora composer, 1900; Leonard Constant Lambert, composer and critic, 1905; Arthur Adamov, playwright, 1908; Gene Kelly (Engene Curran Kelly), dancer and singer, 1912. Deaths: Flavius Stilicho, ing Fine, composer, 1962; Francis

Roman general, beheaded 408; Sir William Wallace, Scottish patriot, ex-Xavier Bushman, film actor, 1966; ecuted 1305; Sir Thomas Littleton (Lyttelton), legal author and jurist, 1481; George Villiers, first Duke of Buckingham, assessinated by John Felton 1628; Alexander Wilson, ornithologist, 1813; Philip Henry Gosse, naturalist, 1888; Rudolph Valentino (Rudolfo Alfonzo Raffaele Pierre Philibert Guglielmi), actor, 1926; Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, political radicals, executed for murder 1927; Adolph Locs, ar-chitect, 1933; Albert Roussel, composer, 1937; Sidney Coe Howard, playwright, in an accident, 1939; Os-car Hammerstein II, lydoist, 1960; Irv-

Lancelot Thomas Hogben, scientific writer, 1975. On this day: Charles I of Anjou routed the German army of the Holy Roman Empire when it invaded Italy, at the Battle of Tagli-scozzo, 1268; the French defeated the Flemings at the Battle of Cassel, 1328; Mexico was declared to be independent, 1821; Hong Kong was tak-en by the British, 1839; the Treaty of Prague was signed, making peace be-tween Austria and Prussia, 1866; the Albert Bridge across the Thames at Chelsea was opened, 1873; Japan declared war on Germany, 1914; Namur, Belgium, was captured by German troops, 1914; the Battle of Mons began, 1914; Feisal I was clared war on Germany, 1914; Na-

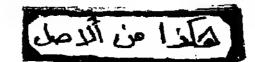
crowned as King of Iraq, 1921; the USSR-German Non-Aggression Pact was signed, 1939; John Cobb, the British motorist, drove at 368.85 mph at Bonneville Salt Flats, US, 1939; the Battle of Stalingrad began, 1942; the World Council of Churches was founded, 1948. Today is the Feast Day of Saints Asterius and Claudius, St Eugene or Eoghan of Ardstraw, St Philip Benizi, St Rose of Lims and St Tydfil.

Lectures

Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 7.52pm.

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CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

Interest rates fall across Europe

IMRE KARACS Bonn CHRIS GODSMARK

The Bundesbank yesterday gave a powerful boost to the German economy and threw a lifeline to aguered French franc by slashing its main money market interest rate. The cut in the reporate from 3.3 per cent to a historic low of 3 per cent was larg-

rate reductions in Belgium, Austria and, to the surprise of the markets, in France. The French central bank cot its intervention rate from 3.55 per cent to 3.35 per cent. The markets in France had not expected a cut in rates given the recent weakness of the Franc, but

er than expected and triggered

which takes some pressure off the French currency. In the wake of the Bundesbank decision the mark weakened, while shares in Frankfurt surged ahead. As expected, the central bank held its official discount and Lombard rates, the

welcomed the German cut,

Germany throws lifeline to French franc as Bundesbank makes sharp cut in cost of borrowing

weaker money supply figures, Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president described the cut as "the continuation of our polthat would "create clarity for manoeuvre."

Peter Pietsch. "The central bank has used up all its room for

had to be weighed against the danger of fuelling inflation. M3 Pressure for a cut had come But German economists sug-gested the Bundesbank had now from exporters, still stifled by the high mark, and from politicians cent last month bringing the an-

pean monetary union in 1999. But the desire to help industry

is forecast to rise again this

Meanwhile, controversy has been raging about economic growth, with anecdotal evidence suggesting that manufacturing

percent respectively. Pointing to cut rates as far as it could. "This concerned by singgish growth at nual target of 7 per cent into has recovered from this year's weaker money supply figures, was nu small step," commented home and turbulence nu curview. Inflation, currently 1.6 per mini-recession much more strong-than Tietmeyer, the Bundes- Commerzbank's economist, rency markets ahead of Euro-cent, rose slightly last month and ly than expected. The IFO institute's business confidence survey released on Wednesday gave a surprisingly up-beat picture, showing a leap of nearly three points in its index within the past month, to the

The Bundesbank appears to have been unswayed by this bout of confidence, relying instead on hard statistics that offer merely a glimpse of the sought-after recovery. Even Germany's Eco-

dustry have come to an end. come out of its winter hibernanomic Ministry, the lair of tion frozen, with no end to its slump in sight. Mechanical engineering is suffering from lack of investment, and is not ex-

pected to resume growth until German consumers are still buying cars, but shunning other durables, and the market in home computers has virtually col-

ing driven not so much by a surge in demand, but more by re-

stocking. According to Com-merzbank stock reductions in the

chemical industry and steet in-

The construction industry has

The cut in the reporate is not expected to stimulate demand directly; its effect will be concentrated on the exchange rate. But by taking the pressure off the French franc, the Bundesbank has come to the rescue of European monetary union, signalling for the first time that it is prepared to look beyond domestic concerns and play a more active role on the European

Scope for UK cuts as consumer boom fails to emerge

The scope for another cut in UK from the Bank of England.
interest rates was increased According to the detailed significantly yesterday after official figures showed no evidence of a developing consumer boom in the spring, writes Chris

Coupled with a Confederation of British Industry survey released today, which suggests ufacturing industry are non-existent, the statistics gave ammunition to the Chancellor, floor and ceiling for money mar-ket rates, at 2.5 percent and 4.5 fend off calls for rate rises

breakdown of output data from the Office for National Statistics, consumer spending rose by just 0.7 per cent between April and June, lower than the 0.8 per cent increase between January and March. It follows figures on

tail sales in July. Simon Briscoe, UK economist with Japanese stockbrokers Nikko Europe, said: "We

er than most people had ex-

Another surprise was the small rise in the measure of income from employment. In the second quarter of the year it went np by just 0.2 per cent, aftera 1.4 per cent increase in the Wednesday showing an unexpected 0.6 per cent drop in refirst quarter. Economists suggested re-

cent falls in unemployment count have disguised a contraction in the size of the labour force. "Income growth

the year but these figures show has failed to pick up as com-it has been modest and weak-panies shed jubs and people per cent in the previous ond quarter, he explained. leave the labour market," said Mr Briscoe. "It suggests there is continuing nervousness in the consumer sector and atill plenty of jnb insecurity."

The figures also point to a re-balancing of the pace of recovery back towards manufacturing, which has suffered a severe slowdown in growth since the early part of last year. investment rose by 2.1 per cent between April and June, higher than economists had

One factor behind relativeweak growth was that firms built up stocks of goods at a much slower rate in the second quarter.

However, Kevin Gardner, an economist with investment bankers Morgan Stanley, said the general picture wasn't quite as weak as had been suggested. "If it hadn't been for falling stackbuilding, GDP growth would have been much stronger.

prices at all for the second month in a row, a sign that last year's surge in commodity prices has passed through the economy with no lasting impact.

The CBI's monthly mann-

facturing survey was more gloomy, showing that mann-

facturers still predict that their

order books will shrink, though

the negative balance of -10 per

cent is the lowest so far this

Firms did not expect to raise

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Upbeat Rentokil to keep 'non-core' **BET** operations

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Rentokil yesterday surprised the City by announcing it had no plans to make any large dis-Sosals of businesses as a result of its £2.3bn acquisition of rival business services group BET carlier this year.

The news came as Rentokil, which is to adopt BET's main brand name by changing its own name to Rentokil Initial; said it would complete the integration of the complementary BET businesses over the next ser months, Sir Clive Thompson, chief executive, said they were very pleased with what they had found at BET "The upside

potential is excellent." The upbeat mood combined with news that Rentokil had again beaten its 20 per cent growth target in the first six months of the year, sending its shares 10p higher to 419p yes-

But analysts said the decision to retain nearly all of the BET operations could hit Rentokil's cast of £353m, but may upgrade rating in the market. The group next yes had indicated during the bitterly £474m.

fought bid battle that certain of BET's peripheral businesses would be considered for disposal. Sir Clive said yesterday they now believed that non-core areas like plant hire, distribution, resort management and conference centres, could add sales and margin growth in future.

Nyren Scott-Malden of Barclays de Zoete Wedd said: "This makes Rentokil a very different animal to what I was expecting." Plant services is a substantial business, chipping in profits of completed over the next few £52.9m last year, he pointed out. months or at most the next six "This is very un-Rentokil. They are very asset intensive, non-people orientated businesses." Their retention would reduce the quality if not the quality of earnings and would hit the group's rating, he believed. Although Rentokil would probatribution from BET, the original bly continue to produce 20 per cent earnings growth, the shares did not deserve their current premium against the market of nearly 60 per cent. He is maintaining his full year profits fore-

Half year figures to June, including two months of BET, showed pre-tax profits soaring from £99.2m to £135m. Earnings per share rose 20.9 per cent to 7.87p, out of which an interim dividend of 1.48p is being paid. up 20 per cent on last year. Integration had cost £2.5m in

the first half, with further restructuring to come in the second. The group is also likely to Perther integration would be

months, Sir Clive said. But be suggested that BET had allowed too much freedom to its subsidiaries and set unde-

business saw its profits rise 20.4 per cent to £119m. Mr Thompson said UK turnover, broadly flat at less than £118m, had been hit by shippish demand for timcontracts and in the fire pronext year's by £20m to around tection business.



Comment, page 17 No big self-off: Sir Clive Thompson, chief executive of Rentokil, said he had no plans for large-scale disposals

Photograph: Paul Bulley

Opposition angered as utilities splash out on expensive London offices and award themselves transport perks

Labour attacks United spending 'A chaffeur per exec'

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

Directors of United Utilities, the company formed by the £1.8bn takeover of Norweb by North West Water last year, came under a new "fat cat" offensive from Labour yesterday, this time over their impending move to fashionable London offices.

Lahour staged a demonstra-

tion outside 43 Grosvenor Street, Mayfair, where United will move its London base in September. The company currently occupies just "two or three" rooms near the Houses of Parliament, but according to a spokesman, "London is the centre of the business market and we need appropriate

The attack on the excesses of



Frank Dobson: Leading the offensive on 'fat cat' excesses

stepped up by Ian McCartney, the party's employment spokesman, who claimed the building, leased from the Duke of Westmister's Grosvenor Estate, would cost £376,000 a year

"There's a mini Buckingham Palace being created behind the door. Expense is no object." Ironically, the offices will partly be used for United's lobbying activities, which include attempting to avert Labour's planned windfall tax.

This is the latest embarrassment United's harassed executives as they continue to face a storm of criticism at a new long-term pay and bonus scheme. The Chairman, Sir Desmond Pitcher received a 21 per cent pay rise this year, to £310,000, with share boruses and a controversial long term in-

centive on top.

The seven floor, 9,400 square feet offices, which are based near the US Embassy, were still being advertised in the current edition of the London Office Guide, an exclusive commercial property magazine. One estate agent, who did not want to be

named said, "It is undoubted-ly one of the most desirable parts of Mayfair." He said the lease was likely to run for 15

United refused to give details of the contract to lease the building, but said it "did not recognise" the figure labour quoted by Labour. However, estate agents said in sounded accurate. An average rent would be around £30 per square foot, plus £15 for rates, making an annual total of £425,000. The reburbishment could cost a further £200,000.

Mr McCartney questioned why the company needed a London base at all. He added: "It's their job if they've got international connections to bring them to the North. I know of no other company which is ashamed to bring international connections to the North

sparks Nat Grid row

The National Grid was at the four other executive directors centre of a fresh storm over esecutive perks yesterday after Jefferies's chauffeur retired reit emerged that it employs five chauffeurs - nne for each executive board member, writes Michael Harrison.

The disclosure came as the Grid wrote to all shareholders saying that it could not achieve new cost reductions demanded by Professor Stephen Little-child, the electricity regulator, to pay for cuts in domestic

power bills.
Professor Littlechild has told the Grid to reduce its cost base by 4-6 per cent a year to finance a £4 reduction in the average domestic electricity bill but the company claims the proposals

are too "harsh". The chauffeurs are employed to drive the group chief execu-

The Grid's chairman David cently and was replaced by a chauffeur who used to work for National Power, the electricity generator, which no longer em-

ploys any chauffeurs. A Grid spokesman defended the number of chauffeurs it employs saying: "The five drivers are split between our offices in London and Coventry and their duties include not only driving directors but also meeting vis-itors and acting as couriers."

The letter to the Grid's shareholders urges them to write to Offer. Mr Jefferies tells shareholders that the "harsh proposals seem to go against the spirit of incentive regulation" and are "tilted against your interests and will adversely affect tive David Jones and the Grid's nur ability to grow dividends".

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Utilities plan to counter windfall tax

MICHAEL HARRISON

The privatised utilities are capitalisation, then BT would preparing to mount a concerted campaign against Labour's threatened windfall tax in the run-up to the election, depicting it as a tax on their 7 million shareholders.

The campaign is likely to be coordinated through the various trade associations represent-ing the water, electricity and transport industries and will remind investors that they are and National Power £369m.

Separately at least two privatised companies are considering tential impact of the windfall tax legal challenges should Labour on their employees. Although go ahead with the tax, which most of the companies have cut could raise £5bn according to some estimates. National Power intends to ask its lawyers to examine whether a windfall tax would breach European law by discriminating against a select

number of companies. The airports operator BAA is also seeking legal advice as to what constitutes a utility and whether Labour can, be law, impose the tax on some privatised monopolies but not others.

A spokesman for National Power, the country's biggest electricity generator, pointed out that its 1.2 million small shareholders owned almost 30 per cent of the company. "The assumption is that the money is there to be taken and that only a few fat cats will suffer but that

is not the case," he added. According to an analysis last month by the investment bank Goldman Sachs the tax could raise £5bn and hit a far bigger number of companies than pre-

viously thought. If the tax is weighted according to market come off worst with a tax bill of

But other utilities would also be badly hit. British Gas, already facing a £650m cut in revenues imposed by the industry regulator Clare Spottiswoode, would be landed with a £503m tax bill. BAA, which owns seven airports including Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, would pay £297m

The campaign by the utilities is also likely to highlight the potheir workforces sharply since privatisation they still employ vast numbers in a large number of marginal constituencies in the South-east and the Midlands.

The Goldman Sachs report. drawn up after consultations with Labour's Treasury team, suggests that the tax may be taifored to mete out the harshest treatment to those utilities that have done most for sharehold-

ers and least for customers. This week National Power has paid out £1.3bn in special dividends to shareholders but the company says that the payout results largely from the money it has raised through the forced divestment of power stations to the Hanson-owned

Eastern Group. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, has pledged that the windfall tax receipts will be used to fund an ambitinus employment and training

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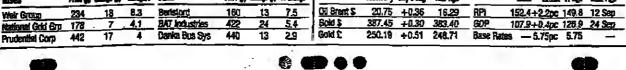
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Car trade is still slow for Evans

Evans Halshaw was one of the lead-ing companies in the motor distribution sector until the wheels came off a couple of years back. A rights issue to fund an ambitious expansion just before a slump in the volume car market and the retirement due to illness uf former chief executive Geoff Dale have cast a shadow over the shares. which peaked at 540p io March 1994 and have skidded more or less ever since to yesterday's 304p, down 6p oo unexceptional interim figures.

There were few surprises in the halfyear results, which showed pre-tax profits of £7.3m, down from £8.2m in the first half of 1995, mainly thanks to an one-off contract-hire profit in the previous period. Earnings per share slid from 17.1p to 15.2p and the cautious outlook was given substance by an unchanged interim payout of 5.5p, slightly less than analysis had hoped for.

Although the new car market increased by 5.1 per ceot in the six months to June, most of the growth came from small manufacturers and specialist marques, taking market share from Rover, Vauxhall and Ford, which account for 60 per cont of Evans Hal-

Despite the difficult trading conditions. Evans is at a very interesting stage of its development, with new chief exccutive Alan Smith putting the finishing touches to a strategic review which he hopes to publish in October, along with an estimate of the exceptiona charge that will be taken against full-year figures to fund the upheaval.

An outsider to the car industry, Mr Smith is a retailer with considerable experience gleaned from spells at B&Q, Superdrug and Boddingtons before its takeover by Greenalls. His fresh eye has already convinced him that motur dealers have been left way hehind by the rest of British retailing in terms of service and professionalism and he has ambitious plans to shake up his corner of the industry. If he is successful, there is no reason why Evans should not return to the forefront of the husiness.

Whether it is a husiness worth being at the forefront of is a moot point. August sales of P-registration cars are expected to be fractionally ahead of last year and the manufacturers appear to have taken a less rose-tinted view of demand when planning supply. But margins remain under pressure as Evans's pitiful 1.5 per cent return on sales in the first half showed only too elearly.

There is, however, a price for everything, and Evans appears to have factored in all the gloom in the industry and then some. On the basis of forecast profits (before any exceptional charge) uf £13.5m this year and £16m next time, THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Perhaps most encouraging, although order intake was flat at just under £300m in the first half, that hid recovery

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idead giving a forward yield of 6.7 per ceot rising to almost 7 per cent, the downside is now very limited.

Weir shows its new confidence

The early 1990s marked a sparkling period of revival for Weir Group, the pumps and valves maker based in Scotland's former industrial heartland. But the last few years have oot been kind. The boom resulting from the water industry's capital investment programme and the rash of combined cycle power stations has run out of steam, leaving the group to slug it out internationally with hig rivals like KSB of Germany and Sulzer of Switzerland. With competition intense, Weir's shares have suffered badly, underperforming the market by nearly 40 per cent since the start of last year.

bottom may have been reached came

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (2m)

Dividends per share (pence)

Operating profit by Activity

the shares trade on a prospective multiple of 11 falling to 9. With a safe divideod giving a forward yield of 6.7 per cent, the with yesterday's half year results. Although pre-tax profits sank 4.8 per cent though pre-tax profits sank 4.8 per cent the outlook by lifting the interim dividend by 5 per cent to 2.31p.

Analysis of the figures shows some grounds for that confidence. Associates caused most of the damage, with the share of profits from Devonport oaval dockyard slipping £2m after disruptioo caused by safety modifications earlier this year and a £1.5m turndown at Strachan & Henshaw, the Bristol based spe-cialist handling business. Devonport is already out of the woods, while there are signs that the weak markets which hit Strachan are recovering.

More importantly, margins in the main pumps and valves husiness have been maintained or improved in the half year. Valves were ahead in turnover, profit and margins. In pumps, scene of some of the most severe competition. Weir continues to hold the line on pricing and has seen modest margin improvement. While rivals continue to win husiness at cut-throat prices, there is some hope that management But the first teotative signs that the changes at KSB will lead to a more re-

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Signet takes the

from a depressed first quarter, with third quarter enquiry levels also high-er. The group has a decent record with

acquisitions and, with up to £100m to

spend, more are imminent. Profits of

around £48m this year would put the

shares, up 18p at 234p, on a p/e of 14.

Hold for the recovery.

Jurek Piasecki, head of the Gold-smiths jewellery chaio, yesterday. There he was, unveiling a sparking set of results, including the company's first interim profit as a public company, and all anyone wanted to talk about was

The sale of Signer's UK chains H Samuel and Ernest Jones is imminent and it is possible that, under a rather complicated deal, Goldsmiths could end up controlling the Ernest Jones chain. This is the more upmarket group and a nice fit with Goldsmith's Walker Hall division.

The point for shareholders is how do they stand to fare if this deal does or doesn't go ahead? Investors have had an excelleot run in the last couple of years, with the shares rising from a low of 113p last year to 332p yesterday. Some may be concerned that Goldsmiths is about to jeopardise that performance with an over-ambi-

tious leap.
If Goldsmiths does get Ernest Jones there would be some scope for ratio-nalisation, the closure of one head office and the introduction of Goldsmiths's better technology systems. It would also benefit from far larger ecocomies of scale,

If the deal founders, yesterday's figures show that Goldsmiths is doing very nicely on its own. Half-year profits of £54,000 in the six months to July compare with a £489,000 loss last time. With a husiness heavily skewed towards Christmas and the second half, an interim loss is normal. Like-for-like sales are 12 per cent ahead and new openings should run at 10-15 a year for the next five years. A loyalty card is being rolled out. And there are new initiatives such as computerised engraving

With full year profits of £5.8m forecast, the shares are on a forward price-earnings ratio of 17. Hardly a bargain, but worth holding.

All power to the people, unless they're called Sid

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Ofgas Czarina Clare Spottis-woode has nailed her colours to the mast as "the customers regulator" and "the people's friend". Well, at this week's press conference, she did. She sang a different tune,

however, at the subsequent City analysts' conference. While declaring the cuts in TransCo's prices were her final proposals, Ms Spottis-woode said she hoped there would not be another "insidious barrage from the public".

Ofgas is only interested in

"serious" argument, she said, and has been unimpressed and uninterested in the "barrage" of correspondence from the public.

Ms Spottiswoode was referring to the 35,000 letters from angry Sids and Samanthas that have deluged Ofgas since it announced its price cutting proposals in May. George Orwell would

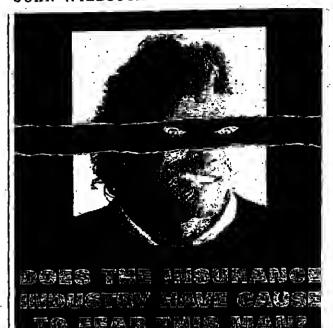
recognise Ms Spottiswoode's logic immediately. Evidently, some people are more "public" than others, depending on whether they huy gas or gas shares.

Footie fans will be familiar with Fabrizio "Silver Fox" Ravanelli's habit of pulling his shirt over his head and running around blind whenever he scores a goal for Middlesborough.

Seeing a marketing oppor-tunity, Howard Ford's Cellnet, which has a £3m sponsorship deal with Boro, wanted to put its logo on the inside of the Italian striker's shirt

Thus, every time the Fox planted the ball in the back of the onion bag, thousands of supporters and TV viewers would get a flash of Cellnet.

The Football Association has blocked the move. It has strict limits on the amount of hranding allowed on each soccer jersey, totalling 32 square inches, and 'Boro's shirts already have that. Celinet also sponsors the England Rugby team, a



That ageing prankster Richard Branson bas taken time off ner hols in his sun-kissed Caribbean retreat on Necker Island to agree a send-up (above) of the Tories' "Blair

demonic eyes" poster campaign. Virgin Direct has hijacked the Labour-bashing campaign in order to push the company's growing range of personal financial services, in this case life insurance.

game in which members of the scrum often have to change their shorts on the field after a particularly violent ruck. Another opportunity for Cellnet, perhaps?

A chipper Viscount Weir, chairman of pump and valve maker the Weir Group, is an example to us all. Two years ago next week, the Eton and Cambridge-educated industrialist's car was hit head-on by a stolen motor being driven at 90mph. The third Viscount is still on crutches, almost 24

months later. "However, one mustn't get too depressed by such things," he says. Happily, his doctor has told

him he can progress to walk-ing sticks next week, and will

be playing golf by November.

Viscount Weir, 62, a Scottish Tory from Ayrshire, is also a member of that gloriously anachronistic club, the Queen's Body Guard of Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers. Whether he will be plucking a bow in the near future he failed to say. ear ol

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Sir Clive Thompson and Rentokil are gearing up for a courtroom showdown with former BET chief executive L John Clark, who is claiming £3.3m after being sacked in Rentokil's hostile takeover.

Sir Clive says: "We are sur-prised that Mr Clark has ehosen not to accept what we believe is an excellent offer. particularly as Mr Clark bene-fited from Rentokil's bid, as a result of his share options and long-term incentive plan."

Gehe may make new offer for Lloyds Chemists

ELISABETH KLEIN

Gehe, the Germ ceutical giant which bid £650m disposal of several Lloyds for Lloyds Chemists, yesterday said it might make a renewed offer for the UK company at the end of

Dieter Kaemmerer, chairman of Gehe's management board said: "Being very optimistic, we could possibly make"

UK company.

Gehe and UniChem, the a renewed hid for Lloyds at the pharmaceuticals retailer and

depend on cash raised from the warehouses.

and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission made the sale of seven Lloyds warehuuses by October 18 a condition for Gehe to acquire the

end of September." He added wholesaler which is the other find takers, because we didn't reflected the full consolidation sales would have shown an that the size of the hid would hidder in the long-running really know anything about of AAH, the British increase of 7.2 per cent. pattle for control of Lloyds hoth agree that the negotiations to complete the The Office of Fair Trading sale of the warehouses are Lloyds' responsibility. They

> to the two companies. We are very happy that Lloyds is now in charge of these discussions," said Mr. Kaemmerer. "It would have heen really difficult for us to

will introduce potential huyers

News Corporatioo, the global

media company owned by

Rupert Murdoch, yesterday

couoted the cost of higher

newsprint prices, the sale of its

educational publishing divi-sion and the eoding of the Net

Book Agreeement by an-

nouncing a 25 per cent drop in

net profits to A\$1.02hn (£650m).

But the company's decision to

raise prices in its UK stable of

newspapers helped boost to

£153m half-year operating prof-

its at News International, Mr Murdoch's British subsidiary.

UK titles, including the Sun, Times, News of the World, and

Sunday Times, rose 7 per cent overall, with the Times adding

20 per cent in the wake of its

News Corporation said it ex-

pected better times ahead, with profits rising by at least 20

Australiao arm of News Corp.

said: "I think the result is pretty close to expectatioo, 1 mean, it is slightly down because of the book publishing

itive outlook in the oext year."

uities at National Australia

Asset Management, said: "It

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Paul Xiradis, associate di-

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give market expectations."

cents down at A\$6.40. Steve Hiscock, head of eq-

per cent in the full year. Peter Macourt, chief financial officer at News Ltd, the

Advertising revenues for the

Gehe also reported its interim figures for the six rable period. months to June yesterday. These showed a 30 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to

DM196.2m (£85m). £24.5m Turnover was 16.5 per ceot higher at around DM10.5bn (£4.60bn). £874m. Gche

acquired last year, which was only in for part of the compa-

Last week, Gehe reported that operating profits at AAH had soared by 48 per cent to £24.5m in first half to June, on turnover up 2 per cent to

Gehe said without the con-

optmistic statement on future

We expect to see positive developments in all areas of the husiness during 1996," he said. "We anticipate turnover for the year to grow by around 7 per cent to around DM20.5bn. Operating profits should increase by 10 to 15 per

The group said the results tribution from AAH, group

HSBC makes £400m banking move in US

NIC CICUTTI

HSBC, the banking giant, yesterday restated its commitment to US retail banking by announcing that its US subsidiary Marine Midland is to huy the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, in New York state, for (\$620m) £400m.

The purchase, from the Canadian holding company Imasco, itself part-owned by BAT, the tobacco giant, adds almost 80 branches to the 330 already operated by Marine Midland in New York state. However, analysis said yesterday that some rationalisation

was mevitable, with joh losses highly likely.
HSBC said the asking price, which will hand almost £50m in pre-tax profits to BAT, would be

financed by Marine Midland John Tyce, banking analyst at Société Général Strauss Turn-

bull, said: "It is a lot of money, but not to them." First Federal has \$7.2bn in assets, employs 1,600 employees and has 15 mortgage origination offices in nine states, in addition to its New York State retail

operation. The latest acquisition fol-

lows Marine Midland's pur-chase in 1994 of Spectrum Home Mortgage, which now op-erates in eight states. It is also one in a series of purchases which have seen Marine

Midland add to its stable of banking outlets in the New York area, sometimes by badg-

ing under its own name other parts of HSBC's existing

This latest deal gives Marine Midland almost \$30bn in assets. Jim Cleave, chief executive at Marine Midland, yesterday dampened speculation of more large-scale takeovers by the

"We're not going to he knocking on any doors for about 12 months," he said. "The acquisition of Federal Savings is another in a series of targeted purchases aimed at expanding the scope of our operations to a wider retail base."

ING, the Dutch financial services giant, saw its own profits boosted by more buoyant financial markets as it announced a 28 per cent rise in first-half net profits to 1.5bn guilders (£587m).

Barings, the UK merchant banking arm bought for £1 last year after it collapsed under the weight of losses incurred by rogue futures trader Nick Leeson, contributes about 100m guilders in net profits to ING anually and the Dutch group said yesterday that it was hoping to double this amount.

The company said that a large slice of Barings' profits, which it declined to give any significant details of came from the merchant hank's success in the corporate advisory sector, where it has won a significant share of business. However, ING warned that earnings growth would slow in the second half of the year.

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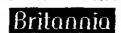
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News Corp profits drop 25% but UK newspapers thrive



Film fan: The movie Independence Day will make £60m for Rupert Murdoch's News Coro

result. We do have a very pos-"Clearly the market is saying it is disappointed. They did ap-Despite his comments. shares in News International fell 14p to 346p on disappear tu put in all the had news pointment over News Corp's results. In Australia, News in this last quarter and thiogs should start improving." Corporation shares closed 7

Despite the drop in profits News Corn cited the success of its summer film. Independence Day, which will contribute at least £60m to the company's year-end profits.

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and write off quite a few things a disappointing year in the film where we really didn't have any

its re-released videos, as a However, analysts pointed to mitigating factor.

for, including Great White of the educational books divi-Hope and Periscope.
Mr Macourt said: "We had sion of Harper Collins, a News Corp subsidiary production side of the business dropped from A\$1.52hn to

A\$1.23bn, while operating income halved to A\$90m. Mr box office hits. It happens in Macourt blamed part of the fall the movie husiness. But he cited high revenues from the Star Wars trilogy. on the ending of the Net Book Agreement The fact is, I think, that which sold 29 million copies of most publishers expected the

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The drop in profits includes Management Australia, said: less successful than was hoped a loss of A\$243m from the sale

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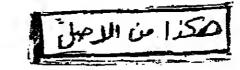
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John Taylor, Corporate and Consumer Affairs Minister, said that the Government intends to hold a tripartite meeting with the European Brewers Federation and EC officials to try and resolve the dispute.

ropean Court of Justice.

the guest beer provision was discriminatory because cask ales were typically a British product, and therefore excluded draught beers produced by other member states using different fer-

mentation methods. In response to a letter of concern from the Whitbread brewing company, the minister said it considered that the guest ale arrangements were compatible with the Treaty of Rome.

He said 50 new breweries are

that the tie between national hrewers, those that own more than 2,000 pubs, and tenants would be undermined by relaxing the guest ale rules. He also dismissed recent speculation that the Commission's action could lead to the extension of the guest beer provision to

of adverse rulings in the US courts.

The receot Florida ruling in which BAT subsidiary Brown & Williamson was ordered to pay a cancer sufferer \$750,000 in damages is oot the first time the industry has been told to compensate a smoker, but all previous rulings have been overturned on appeal. This one may be too, but there's another coming up in Indiana and a string of others behind that. One day the dyke will crack and then the torrent of writs will sweep all before it.
What is important about Bill Clinton's expected intervention in the debate today is

Clarke could get away with another rate cut

damages has held good, but the stock mar-

ket is surely right to believe the tide is now

turning. The industry's insistence that it will be able to withstand the deluge of litigation

that awaits is being undermined by a string

that for the first time ever smoking has become a central element of a Presidential campaign. The shift to the top of the political agenda puts this industry in a much more dangerous position than has existed to date. Casting Philip Morris and RJR adrift will lose a few votes in Virginia, but who cares when the whole of health conscious California

thinks you're right?
The industry might be justified in feeling betrayed by governments that have sup-ported it for 30 years after the dangers of to health. In part this is because they factor to imagine. If peddling death were not bad in a Labour Party win at the next election. to imagine. If peddling death were not bad in a Labour Party win at the next election.

enneth Clarke has all the luck. The But the prognosis isn't much better even in the unlikely event of the present Govern-but has never paid a cent in the unlikely event of the present Govern-but has never paid a cent in the unlikely event of the present Govern-but has never paid a cent in the unlikely event of the present Govern-but has never paid a cent in the unlikely event of the present Govern-but has never paid a cent in the proposed restrictions represent an infringement of their freedom of speech is so much tosh. Virtually all products which are known to pose a threat to public health get hanned. The wonder is that govcrnments have allowed this one to persist virtually unhibited for so long after the health

risks became known. If Mr Clintoo's change of heart reflects a geouine shift in society's tolerance of smoking, and if juries start ruling consistently against the companies, the liabilities are potentially so large that not even the vast untapped Asian markets will save them. If you think tobacco companies' share prices have been oversold, look at the options mar-ket where the right to sell BAT shares in November at 35p below the current price was one of yesterday's best performers.

Sir Clive's iron rule at Rentokil

Dubbed Mr 20 per ceot, Sir Clive Thomp-son, veteran chief executive of Reutokil - the rat-catching to tropical plants group - could just as well be labelled Mr Smug. Few companies can rival Reotokil for its overweening self-confidence. As Sir Clive never tires of reminding his investors. Rentokil has smoking were first confirmed. They have cynically balanced tax revenue against higher ures suggest it is now on course for a 15th

growth, and to judge by yesterday's progress report, Sir Clive looks set to repeat the achievement at BET, acquired for £3.2bn earlier this year.

business

According in Sir Clive, BET's management, culture, strategy and management controls were a dead loss. Senior staff spent too much time discussing strategy and not enough on the nitty-gritty of how to keep profits and cash piling up. Their targets were undernanding: success was measured by ability to fill in forms and follow correct procedures, rather than achieving results.

it is all so very different at Rentokil where there is oo need to discuss strategy— that has been expertly laid down at the cen-tre. In essence, Sir Clive says, the culture at BET can be summed up in the word freedom, while at Rentokil it is encapsulated by the word control. BET will be subjected to Rentokil's iron fist. Rigid cash flow and capital expenditure targets will be set, the group will be benchmarked against the best in the

business and soon the profits will roll in.
So confident is he of Rentokil's abilities as a company doctor that he is going to keep the BET businesses he said he would sell at the time of the takeover. Add to that the proposed change of name and you have to wonder whether we are not witnessing here just a touch of hubris. We'll see. In the meantime Sir Clive would do well to remember the sad demise of Hanson, another group which helieved in its own invincibility until the music suddenly stopped.

Fear of new **US** tobacco curbs hits **BAT** shares

RUPERT CORNWELL AND TOM STEVENSON

The beleaguered tobacco industry faces a massive blow todayshen President Bill Clinton is expected to give his approval to drastic new curbs on eigarette marketing, endorsing last year's Food and Drug Adminstration ruling that nicotine is an ad-

Shares in BAT, which have fallen almost a fifth in the last . two weeks tumbled a further 21p to 425p on the news. Heavy trading of almost twice the daily average number of shares underlined the increasingly nervous attitude of investors towards a sector which is seen as heing under growing threat from anti-smoking litigation

and political interference. The detailed FDA recommendations had still to be for-mally cleared by the White House vesterday. But if Mr Clinton holds to the proposals, e clampdown will see a ban on in vending machine sales of cig-arettes, curbs on tobacco advertising, and the launch of a \$150m (£100m) campaign against under-age smoking paid fur by the companies

The move - potentially the most far-reaching against the industry since the 1964 landmark US Government report linking smoking and lung cancer, - is part of Mr Clinton's build-up to next week's Democratic convention in Chicago. For the first time it thrusts the smoking issue to the centre of the Presi-

reservations, but hardly anyone else is going to hlame him if he cuts interest rates

again over the next few mooths. Suddenly

verything seems to conspire to let him do

it. The Bundesbank, more led these days by

the economic needs of France than its own domestic inflationary concerns, duly obliged

yesterday with a rather larger than expected cut in the repo rate to 3 per cent, allowing

France and Belgium to follow suit. On the

other side of the Atlaotic, fears of a rise in

rates have receded and even here in Britain,

what looked like mounting evidence of a pre-election boom seems rather to have been dis-

credited by much of the data released over

Even the public finances, the Achilles heel of most Chancellors since the war, seem to

be on the meod judging by last week's borrowing figures. The backdrop for a further cut in domestic interest rates hasn't looked

so good for months. Eddie George, Gover-nor of the Bank of England, will warn the Chancellor stroogly against it, but in his heart he knows that even the markets are not

going to punish the Chancellor for doing it.

as sceptical as ever. Long bond yields of oearly 8 per cent tell their own story, it is

that markets do not yet believe inflation is dead or that the public finances are restored

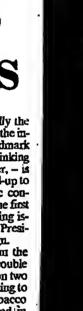
Longer term, of course, markets remain

the last two days.

dential election campaign. The new pressure from the White House comes as trouble mounts for the industry on two other fronts, all contributing to the recent slide of tobacco slocks on Walf Street and in

London. per cent, from 509p, since a Florida jury ordered its Brown & Williamson Tohacco sub-sidiary in the US to pay \$750,000 to a long-time smoker of its Lucky Strike cigarettes who contracted cancer. The shares had traded as high as 585p in

related diseases, seeking \$14bn



BAT shares have slumped 16

February. This week Michigan became the 13th state to take the tobacco companies to court in an effort to recover healthcare expenditure arising from smoking-

in compensation.

A verdict meanwhile is imminent in an Indiana case brought by the wife of a threebrought by the wife of a threepacks a day smoker who died of courts to have them struck



ment scraping home. So the markets look

both ways at once. While they seem capa-ble of taking another rate cut in their stride,

they already accept that policies of this sort

are just storing up problems for the future. But while bond and currency markets

might worry about the future, the equity

market has no such concerns. A new all time

high was reached by the FTSE 100 yester-

day and it is hard to see what's going to pre-vent the onwards march up to the 4,000 mark

in the present tapestry of circumstance. Though Hans Tietmeyer denies it, the Bun-

desbank has shown itself capable of break-

ing its own rules in cutting interest rates by such a margin. Money supply, which has for long determined policy at the Bundesbank, may be falling, but it is still above target range. If the rules can be broken once, they

can be broken again. This may not be the

It is hard to feel sorry for BAT Industries, or any of the other tobacco companies hav-

ing to watch their share prices go up in

smoke. A more smug, disingenuous and downright deceitful industry it would be hard

last Buodesbank rate cut.

No tears for the

tobacco barons



Flagging his Intent: President Bill Clinton on the White House lawns yesterday launching the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act with Senators Nancy

say a second adverse ruling may open the gates for a flood of lawsuits that would swamp

even the massively rich tobacco The companies have already

tung cancer at the age of 52. Af-ter the Florida verdict, analysts mentation of the new curbs mentation of the new curbs could be a year or more away. The companies claim that the proposed restrictions on advertising are a violation of their

freedom of speech The tobacco companies fear that if the FDA is given control of regulating cigarettes, it will gradually impose tighter and tighter restrictions on their

at BZW. "But the industry thinks it has a very good case that the FDA shouldn't be the regulatory authority."

Kassebaum (right) and Edward Kennedy. Smoking and health has become an election issue in the presidential race

He said that he was surprised by the extent of the drop in BAT's shares. "There seems to be on particular reason to get worried today," he said. "We've been waiting for this for a year,

and it doesn't seem that [these

"That's the worry," said regulations] are any different ing that he did not believe cig-co producing states like Vir-yren Scott-Malden, an analyst from what we've expected." arette smoking was oeccessar-Nyren Scott-Malden, an analyst from what we've expected." But for Mr Clinton right

now, politics are uppermost. By coming down harder than any previous President on tobacco and underage smoking, Mr Clinton is burnishing his "famity values" image, and drawing a clear distinction with his Republican opponent Boh Dole, who caused huge controversy earlier this summer by declar-

essary since the Pru would have no problem raising the funds

A Prudential spokesman

The sale of Mercantile &

General, worth about £1.2bn in

total, follows a strategy review

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in a new book Between Hope and History, published this week to coincide with the convention, Mr Clinton writes that "the tobacco industry has no right to peddle cigarettes to children or encourage them directly or indirectly to smoke."

While his assault on the industry may cost votes in tohac-smokers alike.

tucky - most of which are predominantly Republican anyway - the President is likely to more than recoup them elsewhere, especially in health cooscious California and Florida. Opinion polls suggest that

Photograph: Ruth Fremson/AF

Measures against teenage smoking are overwhelmingly favoured by smokers and non-

Bass on verge of £200m Carlsberg-Tetley deal

JOHN SHEPHERD

Business News Editor Bass is on the verge of sealing its £200m deal to buy Carlsberg Tetley. The merger, which would mark the biggest consolidation of the UK brewing industry in the last century, could be an-

nonneed today.

Lawyers from Bass and the joint owners of Carlsberg Tetley - Allied Domecq and Carlsberg of Denmark - were burning the munight oil last night, attempting to conclude several months of complex negotiations

before the weekend. The City has been growing impatient for final details of the deal following official confirmation at the end of last month

ahead of Scottish and Newcastle, which last year bought Courage. Together the two groups would control more than

70 per cent of Britain's brewing capacity. From 6,000 hreweries in 1900, the total number of hreweries has been whittled down to a couple of hundred. Analysts are keen to see an eod to the uncertainty hanging over Bass's share price, caused by fears that the deal may dilute the company's earnings for the

next two years. "We desperately need to see the full details," said one analyst yesterday.

The regulatory anthorities are also keen to scrutinise the deal which will give Bass control over almost 40 per cent of the beer market. The Department of Trade and Industry's sanction of

be construed as a precedent, ac-

cording to industry observers.

Opinion in the industry and the City is divided over whether the takeover of Carisberg Tetley should be examined by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. S&N was dealt with lightly, having only to amend a beer supply agreement with the Inntre-

preneur pub chain. Since then, however, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, has abandoned the "national champions" policy adopted by his predecessor Michael Heseltine. The Government, one analyst said, may well become concerned about control

of more than 70 per cent of the market by just two companies. Analysts said that Bass was likely to agree to more operous liast negotiations were taking place. It will return Bass, under the leadership of Sir Ian Prossure, to top of the brewing league beyond 35 per cent, should not conce to the MMC. Some believe stones, and Worthington.



Bass chief Sir ian Prosser it may be forced to sell a couple of hundred pubs and dispose of several brands from the Carls-

Close to signing the deal:

berg Tetley portfolio. Bass stands to gain control over one of the best selling bitters, Tetley, and two leading lagers, Carisberg Export and Super. It already owns the best

Pru shares up on rumours of

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Expectations that the Prudential might abandon its planned £500m float of reinsurance subsidiary Mercantile & General in favour of a trade sale sent its shares sharply higher yesterday in a flurry of speculative trading. A separate rumour had the float going ahead but much ear-

her than previously thought.

Analysis pointed out that a peedier self-off would allow the Pru to concentrate on a sudden takeover bid for Woolwich Building Society, itself preparing for a £3bn stock market flotation next year. Buoyed by the market talk, the insurer's

1995, the company wrote gross premiums of £1.3bn and conshares closed up 17p at 442p. When Peter Davis, the Pru's tributed £196m, almost 25 per cent, to the group's pre-lax profits of more than £800m. In June, Mr Davis said that while the Pru's primary aim was to seek a listing for about half the company, if a suitable offer for the entire business were to be made, it would be considered

carefully.

The Pru is preparing to launch its own telephone-based mortgages and retail savings operation. It hopes to huild sig-nificantly on the more than

But it has made no secret that it is in the market for a suitable building society or even a mutual life insurer in pursuit of its

• A US federal court judge will today give his ruling in a critical case which could undermine Lloyd's nf London's £3.2bn restructuring. The lawsuit, by about 100 US investors, seeks to delay the plan pending more financial details. Lloyd's investors, or Names, have until next Wednesday to approve or reject the plan.

 Dairy Crest, the food group, has received solid support from its farmer-owners in its £171 stock market flotation. Almost 88 per coot of farmers opted to take shares rather than cash for their stake. The company said it had also received solid support from institutional investors. Dealings in Dairy Crest shares are expected to commence on 28 August.

· Sainsbury's has become the first major supermarket chain to accept American Express credit cards. The card will be accepted in all branches of Sainsbury's, Sava Centre and Sainsbury petrol stations from 2 September.

Berisford says workers at its Magnet kitchen factory at Darlington has voted for industrial action. The plant was hit yesterday, but management said it was willing to continue discussions.

• The sale of Signet's UK jewellery chains should go through in the cext two to three weeks. The £280m deal is expected to see venture capital group Apax Partners acquire the H Samuel and Ernest Jones chains with existing management kept in place.

British Polythene Industries has acquired two of Jefferson Smurfit's UK trading units. Swains Packaging at Buckhurst Hill. Essex, and Smurfit Packaging Products based at Radcliffe in Manchester. BPt and Smurfit also plan a joint vecture to acquire Smurfit's Paclene business in Ennis, County Clare, Ireland.

 Quicks Group, the vehicle and parts distributor, increased its profits before tax by 18 per cent to £2.79m for the six months to 30 June 1996, boosted by a rise in used car sales of nearly a third. Group sales rose 11 per cent to £184.4m and earnings per share by 23 per cent to 7.8p. Interim dividend was lifted to 2.75p.

• Harrisons & Crosfield is to sell its 54 per cent stake in a Papua New Guinea palm oil plantations company to the government for £42m, as part of its withdrawal from commodity areas. Chief executive Bill Turcan said the sale of its stake in New Britain Palm Oil will release funds to inject into the company's growing industrial businesses. New Britain reported 1995 operating profits of £26.7m oo sales of £74 m.

 Card Clear has launched an agreed hid for Cardcast, offering five new Card Clear ordinary shares for every two in Cardcast, valuing the company at around £15.4m. Card Clear said the offer values Cardeast shares at about 95p each, but there is oo cash alternative. Card Clear said irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer have been received in respect of a total of 5.966m Cardcast shares, approximately 36.8 per cent of the total. The two companies first announced they were in merger talks on 9 August.

Government snubs EC on guest ale rule Whithread and Camra, the opened in Britain every year,

JOHN SHEPHERD

The Government yesterday dismissed the European Commission's claim that the guest beer rules, which allows pub tenants of national linewers to buy a caskconditioned ale from any supplier, was anti-competitive.

which could end up in the Eu-

The EC argued last week that

pressure group, welcomed the Government's stance. Whitbread said: "The DTI's comment shows an underlying confidence in the market conditions within which guest beers are sold in the UK."

Camra believes that the guest ale provision has been a liberalising measure since it was introduced four years ago. Ben Wardle of Camra said: "This statement [DTI] gives great hope to Britain's beer drinkers."

most of which sell their beer as guest ales. "There has been an explosion of choice and quality for the drinker," he added. The Government believes

M&G sell-off though it was oot strictly nec-

group chief executive, announced the partial flotation of the reinsurance subsidiary, he dampened down takeover fever by suggesting that his company wanted to get the Mercantile deal out of the way first. Mr Davis suggested the likely float date, markets permitting, would

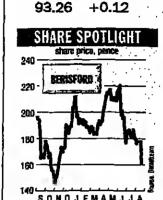
One analyst, who would not be named said yesterday: "You mark my words. The company is clearing its decks for the mificantly on the more than Woolwich bid. I expect an anouncement within three curreotly places each year with months. But I'd rather not have a panel of other lenders. my name printed in case I'm

wrong, thank you." The amount raised would go towards financing the hid for

be in late autumn.

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European rate cuts send Footsie soaring to new peak Blue chips came close to tion and the Americans holdbreaking through the 3,900 barrier. The FT-SE 100 index

closed at a peak, up 19. at 3,891.1, with hopes of lower interest rates providing much of the momentum. There is a widely beld belief that once Footsie climbs above

3,900 the magical 4,000 target would quickly fall. This month, in admittedly unimpressive trading volumes, the index bas climbed a re-markable 187.9. Often the stock market has looked taut

and many experts have questioned the strength of the ad-But unhelpful developments bave been shrugged aside and the market has been content to

dwell happily on positive in-Yesterday it was the German interest rate cut. Other Europeans quickly followed. With

the Bundesbank seen as hav-

ing room for a further reduc-

ing their rates earlier this week the chances of another UK cut

bave clearly improved. The fall in retail sales in June, nipping hopes of a coosumer boom, has also underlined the ebeaper money

The surge was not confined to blue chips. Second liners, as measured by the FT-SE 250 index, enjoyed another eventful session. The supporting index gained 15.1 to 4,402.5, taking its tantalising winning sequence to 17 sessions.

It is, however, still a long way from its record high -4,568.5. hit in April.

Prudential Corporation, the insurance giant, had an active session, up 17p at 442p, with stories flowing about its Mer-cantile & General reinsurance arm. The Pru has said it intends to float M&G but some took

the view the share offer would

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Pru had received a bid from another reinsurer which was too good to refuse. Another sug-gestion was any flotation would occur much earlier than originally planned. It had been thought M&G would be valued at around

whilst retaining a controlling BAT Industries was another active share - but it again headed south. The Clinton administration's move to elassify nicotine as a regulated drug routed the price 24p to 422p,

Hanson, planning to float its not take place - because the Imperial Tobacco group as at Darlington lowered the

of the year part of its fourway demerger, has little representation in the US and any Clintoo actioo

The shares edged forward 3.5p BTR failed to respond to a buy suggestion from Pannure £1.2bn in a market share sale Gordon. The stockbroker exwith the Pru collecting £500m pects the dividend to be cut next month - to 10.3p - but draws attention to a possible filbo disposal programme which should streamline and strengthen the group. The

shares lost 3p to 250p.

Berisford, the Magnet group, was another in retreat because of industrial action. A strike at its kitcheo factory

Zeneca, with a presentation rumoured, had another rousing session. In early trading the

shares soared 24p. They closed 7p lower at 1,507p.

Ladbroke, up 2.5p to 203.5p, was helped by a Barclays de Zoete Wedd calculation the shares were worth nearly 250p. Cable and Wireless, ridir

at 546p earlier this year as a BT merger seemed likely, gained on to 415.5p with a variety of rumours swirling round.

They ranged from an investment roadshow to an elaboration of the state of the sta orate story that Granada could take on Cable's Mercury tele-phone network. Granada, up op to 257p, would then join the demerger bandwagon, splitting itself into two stand alone companies, one embracing leisure the other media and

telecommunications. Interest rate considerations

15p to 450p. National Grid, respooding to the Offer price proposals, gained 7p to 178p. Northern Electric glowed 16p to 544p, seemingly on divide od buying.

Albert Fisher, the food

group, embarked on a round of investment meetings with a no surprises message. The shares were predictably un-fazed, losing 0.5p to 45p. Weir, the engineer, put on 18p to 234p as interim profits,

although lower, came in above expectations but Dawson group reversed 41p to 125p following 19.7 per cent interim setback. Greenbills, the restaurant group, added 2p to 8p and Electronic Retailing Systems.

AIM's only Nasdaq share, put on a further 15p to 218p; the shares of the group, supplying electronic shelf labelling systems for superstores, arrived at

shares 13p to 160p; they were man cut encouraging RMC, up 220p in June. man cut encouraging RMC, up 23p to 1,075p, and Redland, Cairn Energy scored a 98.6 per cent take, underlining the belief the oil explorer has struck it rich off

Bangladesh. It wants the cash to develop what appears to be a massive field; a US energy contractor has joined force with Cairn, paying 50 per cent of the costs for a 25 per cent stake. Mercury Asset Management, which has an

11 per cent stake, underprote the rights. The shares rose 10p to 339p just below their peak. They were 90p last year. There is talk of an oil takeover; Cairn must be one target under consideration.

Private client stockbroker Walker Crips Weddle Beck made a quiet début, 71p against a 70p placing. It is valued at £6m. Profits last year were £589,000.

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Retailers are trying to hold back the Internet tide

hich is the largest book-shop in the world? Foyles on London's Charing Cross Road? The Barnes & Noble braoch which opened in Minneapolis a couple of years ago? Dillons in Gower Street, London, perhaps? Wrong, wroog and wrong again. The answer lies not on the high street but io cyberspace. Amazon Books, the Internet bookseller founded by two American brothers, claims to be the "planet's largest hookstore," with more than a million titles on offer.

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right.

Yet it has no stores, just a huge warehouse outside Seattle. A true "virtual" retailer, it has far lower costs which allows it to keep prices lower than high street rivals and still cream off far higher margins.

Amazon is not alone. CD Now, which was founded by two brothers in a Californian basement, also has no shops but offers 250,000 CDs through its "virtual" store on the Internet. This is around the same number of combined CDs and videos as at the Virgin Megastore

in Oxford Street.
Virtual Vineyards has no offlicences, hut ships lesser known Californian wines around the world from orders taken via its Internet

The growth of these companies is significant. Without the baggage of a store portfolio with its expensive reot, heating, lighting and security hills, virtual retailers have an in-built cost advantage over their

high-street counterparts. computer services group, shows that while a traditional retailer might have operating margins of 6 per cent, a it says. "The result is that new en-

A recent study by Hoskyns, the virtual retailer's margins would be 18

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Herein lies a problem for tradi- and establishing themselves." tional store groups. They would dearly love to grah a slice of these higher-margin sales by selling direct. But if they do, they risk cannibalising their existing hranches. If they do nothing, start-ups will grab market share. Not much, maybe, hnt in many cases just a small loss of volume is enough to turn a

profitable store into a loss-maker. This conundrum is one reason why electronic shopping has been relatively slow to take off. Retailers have a vested interest in it not

Most of the hig store groups have

The report says that direct sell-ing channels, such as mail order or electronic media, represent a serious challenge to traditional high strect retailers.

With the Internet growing rapidly and other electronic channels such as interactive television developing, stick-in-the-mud retailers are standing in the path of

an unstoppable tide. Retail sales on the Internet were valued at just \$500m last year but are predicted to rise to over \$6bn by the end of the decade. Hoskyns foresees electronic revenues of

The implications for store groups are frightening. Some pundits say in 40 years there will be no shops at all

Interest Rates

their strategies are largely defensive, trying to protect what they already

A study published this week by IMRG (Interactive Media in Retail Group) says this fear, or "leadership resistance" is one of the main barriers to the widespread acceptance of on-line commerce.

"The resistance is short sighted," trants to the market are setting up,

an Internet presence but many of £21bn - that is 30 per cent of the UK market - within nine years. Better technology, such as cable modems and satellite Internet connections, is coming.

Security issues, including concern over credit card transactions on the Internet, are being addressed. Demographics are shifting in the direction of electronic media. The Nintendo generation, which is more comfortable with computers, is growing up and cotering the job market. They will be much more tra for home delivery.

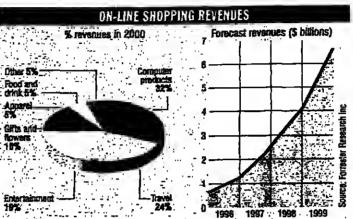
comfortable about shopping on-line than today's forty-something technophobes.

The implications for retailers are frightening. Some pundits have said that in 40 years there may be no shops at all. Nicholas Negroponte, author of the best-seller Being Digital, has said that the video-rental store will not exist in a few years time, sunk by video-ondemand technology that will enable viewers to download programmes when they want, via the telephone

All that investment in expensive store portfolios suddenly fooks rather vulnerable. In traditional retailing the mantra still holds true that there are three things that matter: location, location and location. People shop at their nearest store or one that is convenient. But in the digital age, geography becomes irrelevant. Using "intelligeot agents" - software robots which can be sent to search the Internet people will be able to shop around for the cheapest price at the elick of a mouse.

Some retailers are more vuloerable than others. People will still prefer to go the shops to try on clothes, sit on furniture and see and hear expensive TV and audio equipment. But what about commodity items such as books and records? In CDs, for example, it is the artist that is the brand, not the retailer. What value is the retailer

adding? Supermarkets also look vulnerable. They represent a time-coosuming distress-purchase that many individuals would prefer to avoid. Home shopping could prove attractive to those prepared to pay exTHE ECONOMICS OF INTERNET RETAILING Internet retailing



But most supermarket groups are in a state of denial. They have coovinced themselves that consumers like visiting the grocery store and that food shopping is somehow a "sensual" experience.

The truth is probably more painful. The supermarkets, more

Approximate cost per ske £1-50,000 per year

than any other group of retailers, have invested millions of pounds in store portfolios. The current system is also structured in such a way that the customer does most of the work. They drive to the store, pick their own goods, sometimes scan it

car and drive home again. Supermarkets have their consumers pret-

But new alternatives are coming. Streamline, the US home shopping system, wants to franchise its service in Britain. For a monthly charge the company will handle a family's groceries, dry cleaning, video rental and mail, and deliver it all into a lockable box in the

family's garage. Unlike many other home shopping trials, Streamline has no stores. It buys direct from manufacturers and bypasses the retailers

The world's largest retailers may feel they are too powerful to be in-jured by a fledgling oew shopping channel that is currently slow, com bersome and used by only a small proportion of people. But icons do crumble. As the IMRG study points out, the mighty Hollywood film studios of the 1940s and 1950s failed to see the threat posed by television and many went bankrupt within a few years.

In the 1980s IBM under-estimated the impact of the personal computer and was wrong-fooled. In retailing many department stores failed to withstand the onslaught of the speciality stores and probably more importantly, the "category killers" such as Toys 'R' Us.

The department stores became the dinosaurs of the 1980s by failing to notice the changes around them, According to Faith Popcorn, the US future trends guru, the supermarkets could be next. Other sectors could follow. Worrying times on the high street.

'Web Sites', published by Interactive

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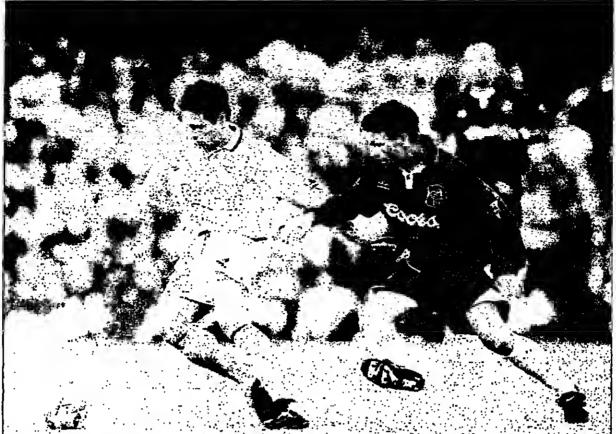
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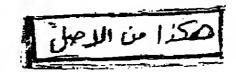
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Pivotal moment in Prescott's career

When George Duffield was an apprentice jockey, at about the time England won the World Cup, a new assistant trainer arrived in his Newmarket yard and he immediately sensed they had something in common. "I was a bit cocky," the jockey said yesterday, "and so was he."

After a brief parting of the ways, Duffield was reunited with Sir Mark Prescott after the baronet had taken the reins at Heath House and the pair emharked on one of the most celebrated partnerships in the sport. Yesterday the odd couple achieved their finest moment when Pivotal delivered Prescott's first Group One winner here in the Nunthorpe

We never really hit it off together to start with because we were both too young," Duffield added. "But then we humped into each other on a Bank Holiday at Warwick and he gave me a ride on a two-year-old that

We've had perhaps two cross words in 20-odd years since and the one thing I've always wanted to do is win a Group One race for him."

On the surface, Duffield and Prescott are unlikely bedfellows. The jockey is the son of a miner from near Doncaster, while the trainer is an MP's offspring from Devon. They are bonded, however, in their admiration of Jack Waugh, the master of Heath House during their first uneasy encounters.

Prescott is up to, and indeed enjoys, performing in front of an audience, but there were rare moments of indecision and emotion from the persistent raconteur in the post-race celRichard Edmondson reports from York on a thrilling finish to the Nunthorpe

the tone in Prescott's voice leapt appreciably towards the alto and his face twitched almost imperceptibly. "When he [Piv-otal] passed the post I just thought to myself how Duffield and I owe everything to Jack Waugh," he said.

In racing's great feudal vernacular Prescott still usually refers to his old boss as Mr Waugh, and expects similar treatment in his own yard. It is unlikely that the staff at Heath House have ever considered for a second calling Prescott by his Christian name.

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Corncrake (Thirsk 2.25) NB: Roseberry Avenue (Sandown 4.50)

"I might cry for Mr Waugh hut not for me," Prescott said, adding that his old mentor was still a visible figure in Newmarket, his 88 years not enough to stop regular dog-walking

The trainer is notable for the consistent strike-rate of his charges, but the snipers have always questioned why his yard had never registered at the highest level. The signs that Prescott had an animal to contradict the detractors came at the end of Pivotal's two-year-old

campaign last season. "He won at Newcastle impressively and then very impressively when he broke the track record at Folkestone, so you didn't need to be Einstein

5.10 BLUE RIVER (nap)

Waugh's name was mentioned, to spot he could go a bit."

Prescott said. The mumhlings returned however when Pivotal ran poorly this summer in Newmarket's July Cup. "I ran him too soon in that," the trainer admitted. The most common disease in horses getting beaten is train-er error but, thank God, it is sel-dom reported."

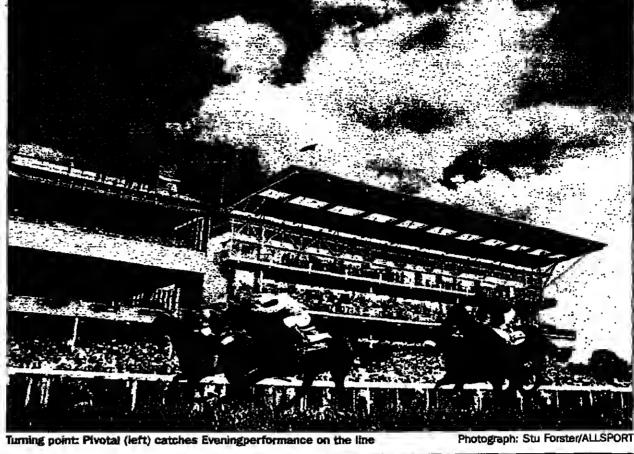
The bony colt certainly looked back to his best yester-day though as he circled the parade ring. Elsewhere on the oval were Mind Games, whose rich hide looked as though it had been rubbed generously with beeswax, and Eveningperformance, who was leaning so heavily on her lad that it appeared as if he would need some mobile scaffolding to keep the mare upright.
It was Eveningperformance

who characteristically burst from the stalls as if a horner's nest had been broken behind

Pivotal immediately sent out signs of distress but, perversely, this was of great comfort to his trainer. "The pace is crucial and they must go fast for him." Prescott said.

The more he is off the bridle early on the happier you are, and I know it sounds furny, but when I saw him being pushed along I heaved a sigh of relief."

Prescott was rather less soothed by Eveningperformance's refusal to burn out. Pivotal closed remorselessly throughout the final furlong, but it was only on the line that be managed to slide his little chestnut face in front.



Loder double

David Loder grabbed a juvenile double at York yesterday to em-phasise that his string has fully escaped the clutches of debilitating sickness.

Bianca Nera stormed home in the Stakis Casinos Lowther fourth Group race success in the last six days. And Loder also collected the opening Convivial Stakes with Indiscreet.

Loder had struggled in the early stages of the season with many of his horses under the vet. But he knew he had turned the corner in the last few weeks and rated Bianca Nera one of his better juvenile fillies.

Unwilling to pitch her straight into the deep end of a Group Two event, he first decided to give her a hlow-out in a low-key race.

The decision proved a wise one as Bianca Nera, fresh from Stakes to give the trainer his a victory at Beverley seven days ago, beat Arethusa by a neck. The success earned the filly quotes of 25-1 from Coral and William Hill for the 1,000 Guineas.

> This makes up for a lot of the frustrations earlier in the year," admitted Loder. "I'm just now beginning to run most of the two-year-olds as they've

NEWMARKET 2.35 A form line involving Ba-2.35: A form time involving on-hamian Bounty, who went on to win the Group One Prix Monny over six furlongs at Deavville last Sunday, makes KUMAIT extremely difficult to oppose in this sort of company, Seeed bin Suroor's promising colt finished within two lengths of Bahamian Bormry when the latter was runner-up at Newmarket six weeks

3.05: Indian Relative and Pageboy are ridden by the most experienced jockeys in this apprentices' event. The former may have the measure of the latter, who is burdened this afternoon with a 5lb penalty. But both could be overhauled by AL-MASI, who seeks compensation for her supporters after failing when well backed at Doncaster three



this season but could find a couple of today's rivals too speedy. One of them may be Russian Revival, a neck second to Royal Applause at Doncaster last time. That form is hard to assess, and EASY DOLLAR seems a better alternative. Track and going look idea.

4.10: Nabhaan would prefer soft ground but still rates a big danger to MYSTIC HILL Guy Harwood's five-year-old won cleverly at Newoury last month.

SANDOWN HYPERION 2.15 Le Shuttle 2.45 Elbasha 3.20 Bon Luck 3.50 Diminutive 4.20 Reality A Dream 4.50 Roseber-

GODNG: Good to Firm (Firm in places on round course).

STALLS: Straight — stands' side; round course — inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for TY & 1m.

Right-hand course. Reparate still 61 track.

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BLINERED FORT TIME-None. WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERSE Wedding Music (2.15) sout 249
miles from P Hashari's Middlichem stable in North Yorkshire; Danaing Star (2.15) sout 173 miles from P Evans's Leighton stable in
Powys Kosthary (3.29) & Sahnbarg Cloud (4.20) sont 168 miles
from L G Coared's Dulford stable in Devan; Willtown (2.15),
Manusab (3.20) & Shooting Light (4.50) sont 121 miles from P
Murphy's Porthury stable in Arous Happy Go Lucky (2.45) sent
119 miles from E O'Sallivan's Whitcombe stable in Dorset; Latimation (4.20) sent 82 miles from J Tolker's Whitsbury stable
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2.15 THAMES SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP

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RON MILLER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 3.20 RON MILLEY BRITTALE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 1m 000200 BETRIAND SENEN (24) (3) C Brown 4 9 10 .W J O'Connor 1 8

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- 9 doctored -BETTINS: 3-1 Box Lock, 7-2 Austbury, 4-1 Floras De Cool, 6-1 Print Popil, 7-1 Northers, 8-1 Marsob, 20-1 Blaze Of Seng, 16-1 others

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PEO HINCHLEY WOOD LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m 3f 91yds

SETTING: 2-1 Diminutive, 11-4 Step Moft, 3-1 Lold, 7-2 Transability, 16-1

4.20 WALTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added filles 7f

tion, 7-1 Desert Serenade, 8-1 Out Line, Mazzik, 10-1 others 4.50 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 370 1m 6f 0-2133 SHOOTING LIGHT (75) P Murphy 9 7.....

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420640 BWERCARE (46) M Polgase 8 3 N Caribide 4 - 8 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Charming Admiral, 9-4 Shooting Light, 4-1 Roseberry Av-anus, 5-1 State Approval, 7-1 Major Duados, 25-1 Rivercare

3.25 JANNY FITZGERALD NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 2YO 6f

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3.55 TIM EASTERBY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2m

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HYPERION 2.25 Comorake 2.55 Serious Sensation 3.25 Perfect Bliss 3.55 Chris's Lad 4.25 Regal Equity 4.55 Oatey

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

STAILS: Straight — stands side; round course — inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 15 and 67.

I Left-hand course, level but quite sharp.

Course is west of town on A81. Thursk station is a rule sway.

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Farally Enclosure 25 per ext including up to four adults plus all children; repusinder free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bloomey Babe (225), Good To Talk

BLINEREED FURST TIME: Bloomey Babe (225), Good To Talk (4.45).

(4.45).

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Perfect Blies (3.25) won at Catterick bat Priday; Kira (4.55) won at Pontefract lest Thursday. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Cornerate (2.25), Chris's Lad (3.55) & Regal Equity (4.25) sent 224 miles from a Mechanis Urper Lambourn stable in Berisshre; Red Garter (3.25) sent 224 miles from a Mechanis's Lambourn stable in Berisshre; Indian Blinze (4.25) sent 200 miles from P Harrie's Ringshall stable in Hertfordsfire; Time Can Tell (2.25) C Murray, Starborough (4.25) D Loder, Disame (2.55) J Friedstee, Marsand (2.25) Marsay, Serious Repeation (2.25) & Mary Tary (4.25) M Prescott, All In Leather (4.25) W Hasques all sent 185 miles from Newmarket to Suffolk.

2.25 PETER BEAUMONT SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 2/7 7f

2.55 MCK EASTERBY LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m

HETTENG: 7-4 Starborough, 7-2 Econom, 6-1 Featurey Flight, 6-1 Regal Equity, All in Leather, 12-1 Indian Mane, 15-1 Geographies, 20-1 others 4.55 MAURICE CAMACHO HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 5f

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Four day Hills ban

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Richard Hills was hit with a four-day suspension for irre-sponsible riding at Yarmouth

vesterday afternoon. Hills was banned for Saturday 31 August and Monday 2 September 2 to Wednesday 4 September inclusive after his mount Wardara was disqualified and placed last after being first past the post in the Bungay

Handicap.
The jockey was adjudged to have caused interference to Ray Cochrane's mount Times of Times when manoeuvring for a run inside the final two furlongs prior to hitting the front a hundred yards out to beat deadheaters L A Touch and Mettic Le Bow by three quarters of a

Hills, Yarmouth's leading jockey, was upset at the outcome and is contemplating an appeal. He said: "I think it's a very harsh decision. I am going to look at the film and decide

RESULTS

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2.05: 1. INDISCREET (L. Dottoni 4-1; 2. Swiss Law 16-1; 3. Wasp Rangler 7-2, 8 ran. 11-8 tav Elnodm (4th), 3, nk. (0 Loder. Novmarket). Tota: £3,90; £1,50, £1,70, £1,60, £1,£31,00, £5,£53,33, 2.35: 1. BIANCA NERA (N Datey) 8-1; 2. Arethusa 16-1; 3. Seehe 11-4 fav. 6 ran. nk, 11. (0 Loder. Newmystell. Tota: £8.30; £1.80, £4.70, £1.20, 0f; £93.20, CSF; £80.23, 7no: £17.20, NR: Tumblewead Peat.

2.10: 1. PIVOTAL & Duffield 100-30; 2. 2.10: 1. Province & Dument 100-34; 2. Eventing performance 16-1; 3. Hever Golf Rose 11-4, 2 ran. 7-4 fav Mind Games (4m), Sh-hd, 1%, (Sir Mark Prescott, Nearmetheu. Tete: £4.00; £1.80, £3.10, £1.10. DF: £25.70. CSF; £44.60.

3.45: 1. CONCER UN (Driley) 16-1; 2. North Sens 11-24 fax; 2. Manually 16-1; 2. North Sens 11-24 fax; 2. Manually 16-1; 2.

North Song 11-2; t for; 3. Moments Of For-tune 20-1; 4. Tregeron B-1. 18 ren. 11-2 pt fav Intidab. 1, sh-hd. (S Williams, New-market). Total: £22.60; £4.20. £1.60, £7.00. £2.20. DF: £52,10. CSF: £100.80. Incast: £1.679,07. Tro: £899.50, NR: Que-

stores, 4.15: 1. CELESTIAL CHOIR (O Pears) 14-1; 4.15: 1. CELESTIAL CHOIR (O Pears) 14-1;
2. Sheer Deerdig 10-1: 3. General Macaritum
11-1: 4. Deeche 11-2 to, 22 man. 1/4, 51-hd.
U.L. Eye, Thresh. Toter £15.50; £3.10, £3.10, £3.10, £2.10, £2.10, £7.10, £

Jackpot: Not wort, £79,070.85 carned for-ward to Newmarket today. Place 6: £245,53. Place 5: £107,91.

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2.20: dead-best 1, L. A TOLICH (Io Hunnam) 8-1, dead-best 1, MERRIE LE BOW (Amenda Sanders) 11-1; 3, Rambold 6-1, 10 raw, 11-4 for Whardara (descuminent), 4; dead-best (C Dwyer, Pat Mitchell, Nermarket, Newmarket), Totacs win L. A Touch £5.30, Merne Le Bow £7.10; places I, A Touch £1.80, Merne Le Bow £3.40, £2.50, DF; £63.10, CSF; L. A Touch & Merrie Le Bow £40.82, Merne Le Bow £4.11, Touch £3.22, **August 1, **Yeste £4.22, **August 1, ** L A FOURT & Morent LE DOW LAV.A.C., MICHTE LB BOW & LA TOURD \$23,32. Theast I. A Touch, Meme Le Bow, Rambold £255.78, Meme Le Bow, L A Touch, Rambold £265.57. The \$28,50. After & stewards (moun), Wardera, who finished first, was disqualified and placed

Communder 7-2; 3. Rejotcing 2-1 6 ran. /h, 2. (H Thomson Jones, Newmarket). Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.11.

22.10; £1.40, £1.60, DF: £3.00, CSF: £7.11, 3.25; 1. QUALITY (Emma O'Goman) 7-1; 2. Mayhant 9-2 to fav; 3. Samaodom 11-1, 8 mm, 9-2 to fav; 3. Samaodom 11-1, 8 mm, 9-2 to fav; 3. Samaodom 11-1, 8 mm, 9-2 to fav; 5. Samaodom 11-1, 7 mm, 9-2 to fav; 5. Martin Dwyco 4-1; 2. Spanish Stripper 20-1; 3. Mr Rough 11-2, 11 mm, 3-1 fav Saletys Frst. 2, 17. (C Alen, Newmantet). Tote: £3.70; £1.50, £11.00, £1.90, DF: £51.20, CSF: £15.1, £1.70; £2.30, £1.70, £1.70, £2.30, £3.60, DF: £15.70, CSF: £21.06, 5.00; 1. CLIFTON GAME: IP P Murphyl 16-1; 2. Soddler Mak 4-1; 3. Novesti 4-1, 10 mm, 10-3 da (Alen 17 mm, 10-3 da

7, 3/h. (M Channor, Upper Lamboum). 7ote: £26,30; £3,40, £1,40, £4,80. DF; £76,10, CSF; £81,42. Treast; £881,90. Tro: £273,50; £238,91 camed forward to New-£273,50; £250,52 mariet 4,40 today. Plecepot: £489,80. Quadpot: £36.00. Plece 6: £455.11. Plece 5: £144.47.

CARTMEL

5.45: 1. BURES (Mr 8 Walder) 5-4 fav; 2. Haddests Cross 5-1: 3. Setabetcorbett 11-2. 8 ran. 8, 14. (M Tomplens). Tota: £2.10: £1.50. £1.50. DF: £4.70. CSF:

61.25. 1. EARLYMORNING LIGHT (A Dob-bril 10-11 fav. 2. Bluzing Dawn 4-1; 3. The Touster 7-4 4 ran. 2. 1/4. 65 Retrords. Totes £1.90, Df: £3.10. CSF: £4.72. 8.45: 1. SCRABO WEW (R Supple) 11-10 fav. 2. Definite Maybe 6-4; 8. Donovans Reof 28-1. 5 ran. 1. ds. (P Beautorn). Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.60. Df: £2.00. CSF: £3.12.

£3.12.
7.15: 1. AMAZON EXPRESS (R Johnson)
51: 2. Take Two 11-4; 3. Vallant Deah 11-2.
4 nas, Evens fav Master Offhe House (dth),
1.3. (P Bowen), Tote: £5.20. DF: £8.40. CSF: £16.35.

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5.30: 1. HELIOS (Marriew Williams): 14-1;
2. Jagaim 6-1; 3. Quaen Of Shannon 8-1;
14 ran, 5-1 law Just Harry, 1, 5. (R Walker),
Total: £25.20; £4.10, £2.80, £2.30. DF:
£41.80, CSF: £50.53. Treast: £589 50. Tro:
£237.60. NR: Occlem. Following a stewardsrouth, habileledri, who finched first, was disqualified and placed fourth,
8.00: 1. FAHRIS & Carter 5-2: 2. Another
Night 5-4 fay, 3. Panal D'Octando 11: 2. T
ran, 3. '/- (H Thomson Jorde), Total: £3.40;
£1.90, £1.90. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5,89. NR:
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6.30: 1. BLUE FLYER (S Whitworth) 10-1;

6.30; 1. BLUE FATER (S WINNORM 30-1; 2. Ortolam 15-8 fay; 3. Winsome Wooster 5-1. 9 ran. 1, 4. (R Ingram), Tote: £10.60; £3.50, £1.50, DF: £12.30, CSF: £27.30, 7.00; 1. CHINA GIRL, (R Havim) 11-6 fay; 2. Dancetheolightaway 9-4; 3. Makithar 3-1, 4 ran. 3, 5. (P Cropple-Hyam), Tote: £2.20, DF: £2.40, CSF: £4.73 DF: £2.40. CSF: £4.73 T.30: 1. NEWLANDS CORNER (O Bigs) 7-2 tor 2. Inter Debt 20-1; 3. Petraco 12-1. 18 rap. 3, hd. U Akshursti. Tota: £4.70; £1.60, £4.30, £2.80, £5.60. Dri: £208, £5.60. £57.£88.85, Incast £570.61. Tre: £489.20 :1£284.17 carried forward to tomorrow, NR: Meranti, Super Hero.



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NEWMARKET 4.10 Mystic Hill (nb) 4.40 Music Mistress 2.00 Reams of Verse

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GOING: Good to Firm.

STALLS: Stands sade all races.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Biglet-hand course with 1m straight.

Course is SW of town on A1304. But link from Newmarket railway souton (served by London, Knu; a Cross). ADMISSION: Cash S.14 (16 to 25-year-olds 58); Grandstand & Paddrek S10 (16 to 25-year-olds 58); Grandstand & Paddrek S10 (16 to 25-year-olds 55); Story Ring 53. CAR PARK: Members 51; remainder free.

SIS M LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: H Ceeff — 66 winners from 278 runners gives a success ratio of 23.7% and a loss to a 51 level stake of \$7.58; J Gooden — 55 winners, iff I runners, 14.8%, -571.13; L Commod — 34 winners, 285 runners, 12.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5110.8%, 5

(4.10): Farfeste (visored, 4.40)
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Carradta (4.35) has been sent 204 miles by 8 Pailing from
Naradowen, South Glamorgan; Double Flight (2.00) sent 200 miles by 6 Johnston from
Middleham, North Yorkshire; Pageboy (3.05) & Going For Broke (5.10) sent 200 miles by
Pilosium from Middleham, North Yorkshire.

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1995 twn lop 2 8 11 P Robinson 12-1 IN Tompone 13 in PORM GRIBOE

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who is out of Cheveley Park winner Park Appeal, is entered for the Province according to
Self-Better Coden's (St.) with a long gap back to the third. Thet experience can
Cecil's fally Sambac at Yermouth (GI) with a long gap back to the third have the longer time.
Self-Better Gosden's way - the son of Tempoleno sure to appreciate this longer time.
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or Wollow, and Super Monatech, whose dam work over this trip, are other newcomers to
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Dalglish's days were numbered



was a gaunt, gloomy figure at the time of the pool, haunted by

Hillsborough and complaining that his head felt as if it was about to explode. Five and a half years on, the end of his extraordinary affair with Blackburn Rovers was, if anything, pre-cipitated by a lack of pressure.

Midway through the opening week of a new season, barely 16 months after taking the club to their first championship in 81 years, Blackburn'a director of football was nowhere to be seen at Aston Villa. Instead, as the chairman, Robert Coar, announced a parting of ways in the wake of Rovers' second successive defeat, Dalglish was relaxing at an altogether different villa in Spain.

In his version of events yesterday, the 45-year-old Dalglish reiterated the party line about a "mutual agreement" to end his sojourn in east Lancashire. But he also talked about feeling un-fulfilled in the year since he handed the managerial baton to Ray Harford, and admitted that the impetus for the latest change had come from the club rather than himself.

"It's the first time I've been unemployed since I left school - by someone else's choice." Daiglish said. "We came to the same opinion, albeit that that they came to it a little earlier than me. I rang the chairman on Wednesday and told him my thoughts. He said the club had already come to the same conclusion. My reasoning was that I just could not get job

Dalglish recalled that he informed Blackburn that he no longer wanted "the demanding day-to-day involvement" of the manager's post in the wake of their title triumph. "I told the club then that I'd go if they wanted me to or stay in some capacity if they wished," he

"When they asked me to stay on, with the title of direcspeaking when I was spoken to, and to help if asked. I think there's a void in football for a position like that, and that's why

I was prepared to take it.

felt there was not a great need for that facility and decided to call it a day. It's their prerogative and my feelings were on similar lines. It just didn't work out."

Doubts about the lack of defaced last autumn. It was thought he would come into his own when scouting Blackburn'a Champions' League opponents. Yet he appeared conspicuously uninvolved in a calamitous campaign, and was criticised for watching his son, Paul, play for Celtic reserves on the night of one European match. Dalglish explained yesterday that he had been anxious not to impugn Harford's authority, preferring to offer advice when asked.

As for his own state of mind, Dalglish said: "I certainly feel a million times better than when I last left a club. I'm not finished with football, but football might be finished with me. There'agoing to be a lot of speculation, though to my knowledge there's nothing imminent." There will be no shortage of

prospective employers, although they will want to be assured of his willingness to immerse himself in the daily grind he escaped last summer. The game is in his blood, as he acknowledged on arriving at Blackburn in 1991. "If you're to make yourself a life you have to do it in the industry to which you're best equipped. Football is the one best suited to me. And anyway the wife wanted me out of the house."

Garry Flitcroft, the last major signing of the Dalglish-Harford era, said at Villa Park that the players had not seen Dalglish for two mouths. But Dalglish's golf partner and Southport neighbour, Alan Hansen, claimed his former colleague and manager at Liverpool was "disappointed" not to have been more involved at Ewood Park. "Director of football wasn't a great role for him," Hansen said. "He needs to be in the dressing-room, to be

"It's an absolute certainty that he'll be back in some capacity. If I was a chairman looking for a manager, I know who I'd go for. He's got a terrific record." Told of Hansen's testimonial, Dalglish laughed and said: "Big Al might be a bit bissed." Blackburn, meanwhile, have no plans to advertise for a new



Changing times at Ewood: When Kenny Daiglish was the manager and Ray Harford his assistant they fulfilled the dream of Blackburn's sugar daddy, Jack Walker, by winning the Premiership (Inset) but after his change of role the Scot faded into the background. Photograph: Steve Morton/Empics

Kenny Dalglish at Blackburn

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Aug 1998: Sheerer sold to Newcastle for world record 115m. Delgish leaves
Blackburn "by mutual agreement".

Just as a trickle of leading European players are bringing a lit-tle foreign fantasy to the hurly burty of English football, the Continental concept of devolving the myriad duties previously encompassed by the title of "manager" has suffered a loss of credibility.

Kenny Dalglish is not the first casualty of a conflict of roles within a club - or a failure to define them adequately though he is the most celebrated. Ten days earlier, the departure from Arsenal of his former Scotland team-mate, Bruce Rioch, had its origins in an attempt to to create the framework favoured by clubs in

France, Italy and Spain. termined Rioch would effectively be first-team coach, with David Dein, the vice-chairman, and Ken Friar, the managing di-rector, in charge of transfers and

Phil Shaw examines conflicting roles at clubs who adopt a Continental structure

Casualties of a foreign creed

ager Lawrie McMenemy is litvision of responsibilities, influenced by the George Graham "bungs" affair, was at odds with the way the manager's job has evolved in Britain. Rioch's sack-

ing, though surprising in its timing, became inevitable. A quarter of a century earlier, when Wilf McGuinness accepted the poisoned chalice of succeeding Sir Matt Busby, Manchester United gave Bus-by the job of administrative and general manager. More than one occupant of the Old Trafford hot seat felt the pressure of working in an office adjacent

tioner. Despite its prevalence abroad, only a handful of Eng-lish clubs use the title Dalglish has now relinquished. At

erally the director who liaises with the manager, Graeme Sources. After last season's brush with relegation, he re-mained on the board while the manager, Dave Merrington, collected his P45.

Crystal Palace and Hereford also appointed directors of football at the same time as Blackburn. Steve Coppell, a former Palace manager, returned to Selhurst Park ostensibly to be overlord of playing matters two coaches would answer to him and there was grandiose talk of emulating Aiax's youth policy - only for the chairman, Ron Noades, to decide the setup was not working to his sat-isfaction.

Midway through last season, Noades installed Dave Bassett,

Scotland recall for Ferguson

the archetypal old-fashioned manager, with Coppell applying his talents behind the scenes. At Hereford, Graham Turner is also manager in the traditional sense, coaching and selecting the side, marshalling the club's meagre resources. The antithesis, in fact, of the popular image of the director of football as articulated by Harry Red-

knapp.
"Players don't want to retire and be managers any more," the West Ham manager said. "They want to be directors of football - that's definitely the one to have. Pick your games, keep an eye on the rest, no real pressure. Come in on a Saturday, sit in the boardroom, nice cup of tex, nice the way I'd do it. Anyway, I'm

In the meantime the manager is sitting on the bench. screaming like an idiot. I know

Baks to the fore against **Saints**

European round-up RUPERT METCALF

Liansantffraid, the team from a tiny Welsh village, were introduced to European football reality yesterday when they were thrashed 5-0 by the Polish Cup winners, Ruch Chorzow.

The League of Wales side had dreamed of creating an upset after a brave 1-1 draw at Wrexham a fortnight ago in the first leg of this Cup-Winners Cup qualifying round tie, but they let in a goal after just 30 seconds when Arkadiusz Bak scored with a low shot.

The Saints almost equalised when Arwel Jones had a powerful header tipped over by Pi-otr Lech in the Poles' goal in the 11th minute, but Andy Mulliner was by far the busier goalkeeper. The former Port Vale apprentice made several great saves to keep the deficit down to one goal at half-time, but just after the break a cross from Bogdan Pieniazek was sliced into his own net by Arwel Jones.

The Poles added three more goals - one by Arkadiusz Bak and two by Miroslav Bak - to complete a 6-1 aggregate win, and Llansantffraid were denied a consolation goal 10 minutes from time when Andy Edwards, a milkman, lost his bottle from the penalty spot and had his spot-kick saved by Lech.

Manchester United will learn their European Champions' League opponents today, when the draw for the group stage of the European Cup - plus the draws for the first round of the Cup-Winners' and Uefa Cups are made in Geneva.

United, one of the top eight seeds, could face home and away games against Rangers, who crushed Alania Vladikavkaz 10-3 on aggregate to reach the Champions' League. The other seeded team in United's group will be either Milan, Juventus, Atletico Madrid or Auxerre - but they cannot be drawn in the same group as Ajax, Borussia Dortmund or Porto.

Apart from Rangers, the teams that have progressed from the qualifying round include Sweden's IFK Gothen-burg, who finished ahead of both United and Barcelona in a Champions' League group two seasons ago, and the Turkish side Fenerbahçe, who include the former Aston Villa

England have been allocated an extra place in next season's Uefa Cup - thanks to their sporting conduct on and off the pitch. England came second to Norway in Ucfa's annual Fair Play rankings and will be allowed to enter four club's for next season's competition.

The rankings, based on both international and European club games, saw Norway edge ont England by just 0.01 of a point. Norway will also be granted an extra Ucfa Cup place, as will Sweden, who were

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Avenue return to Bradford

Non-League football RUPERT METCALF

While one small but dedicated band of football followers will be celebrating a historic homecoming tomorrow, fans of two other teams in the north of England are facing up to a future without football, after the collapse of their clubs this summer.

Bradford Park Avenue have not played senior football in their home city since 1973/74. when they were tenants at Vallev Parade for a year after being forced out of their Park Avenue ground. At the end of

that season the former Football League club, then in the North-ern Premier League, disbanded. After rising from the ashes as

an amateur club in 1988, playing at Manningham Mills in Bradford, Avenue eventually returned to semi-professional football but could not find a suitable ground in Bradford. They have climbed back in to the Northern Premier (now the UniBond) League using rugby league grounds at Bramley and Batley but now – at last – they are back home.

Avenue kick off the new Uni-Bond season tomorrow when they entertain Curzon Ashton at a council-owned athletics stadium which has, until now, only been used for schools football.

The council have helped us get it ready but we've raised most of the money required our-selves," Tun Clapham, the club's press officer, said this week. "We've bought 1,300 seats from the cricket ground at Headingley and some turnstiles from Burnley FC."

The faithful fans of Avenue, a club that refused to die, are delighted to have a home of their own in Bradford. There is

Horsfall stadium, about a mile no such joy, though, in two oth-from their old Park Avenue er towns Fleetwood, members ground in south Bradford. It is of the UniBond League last season, folded in the summer. The company that operated the . football club went into liquidation with debts of about £100,000, and the team was ex-

pelled from the league.

There was a similar tale of woe in Goole. After being relegated from the UniBond in 1995, Goole Town played in the Northern Counties East League last term but called it a day this summer due to financial difficulties. For both Goole and Fleetwood, there are memories - but no future_

Duncan Ferguson is back in the O'Donnell, and Alan McLaren Scotland fold after a 20-month of Rangers.

exile. Craig Brown yesterday named the in-form Everton striker in his squad for the opening World Cup qualifying match against Austria in Vicuna on Saturday 31 August. Ferguson won the last of his

five Scotland caps back in De-cember 1994 in Greece. There was also a promotion from last season's successful Under-21 squad for the uncapped Jackie McNamara of Celtic Missing through injury, though, were the Aberdeen pair of Stewart McKimmie and Scott Booth, for another 10 days and save Celtic's Paul McStay and Phil some goals for Vienna."

of Rangers.
The other strikers named by Brown are John Spencer of Chelsea, Ally McCoist and Gor-

don Durie of Rangers, and Kevin Gallacher of Blackburn. "I've watched Duncan Ferguson in action twice recently and he's bang in form," said Brown, who witnessed the Everton striker's double against Manchester United at Old Trafford on Wednesday. "Ally McCoist is also in great scoring form at the moment. I just hope the two of them can keep their form going

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Law making up for Olympic setback

Equestrianism GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from Blair Atholl

Leslie Law held the lead on the chestnut thoroughhred, Perryfields George, when the first day of dressage ended yesterday at the Blair Castle Horse Trials in Perthshire. Law, who was denied a ride

in the Olympics when New Flavour bruised a foot before the contest started, is now 4.8pts ahead of Angela Tucker, who was trainer of the Japanese team in Atlanta. Sharing third place - just 1.4pts behind Tucker on Wily Wizard - are Owen Moore on Prime Contender and New Zealand's Andrew

Nicholson on New York. Perryfields George has been with Law for the last three years. The classy seven-year-old had an unfortunate fall in May when he clipped a stone wall on when he clipped a stone wan on the steeplechase at Complegne in France. "That rurned us clean over and he also had a nasty cut on his hind leg." Law said. He nevertheless has high hopes for some content of the conten

the young horse, who will probably go to Le Lion d'Angers in October if all goes well here. Today Law rides the dressage

test on his second (and less experienced) mount, Matt Butler. Also still to come are Blyth Tait, the new Olympic champion, on Darby and Karen Dixon on Simply the Best.

Law believes that fence 19 (comprising two steps up to an arrowhead) may be the most influential of the 24 obstacles on the hilly cross-country course that riders will tackle tomorrow.

Laerke Larson, the only Danish rider competing in the Junior European Championships which also take place here, rode a superb dressage test on Bad Bally and she now holds the lead for the individual title. When the dressage phase is completed today. Germany seems likely to have the advantage over the eight other nations contesting the team championship.

Broadhurst hits course record 62

Paul Broadhurst, of England, broke the course record with 62, Scotland's Raymond Russell had a 63 and seven other players shot 64 as the PGA European Tour golfers dominated the Nippenburg course in the first round of the Volvo German Open in Stuttgart yesterday.

Only recently Seve Ballesteros called for tougher courses on the European Tour and predicted that scores would be very low. The Nippenburg course was designed by Bernhard Langer and is 6,748 yards long. Ballesteros shot a three-un-

der-par 68, but admitted he had not played as well as he should. Of the 156-strong field, 94 broke 70, 112 beat the par of 71 and 128 played to par or better.

Britain's Alison Nicholas and Suzanne Strudwick were just one stroke off the pace after compiling 69s in the open-ing round of the Trygg Hansa Open at Haninge, near Stockholm yesterday.

Muster criticises US Open seedings

Thomas Muster, the world No 2, has accused US Open officials of manipulating the draw and seedings for the Grand Slam event which starts on Monday. Muster strongly objected to the process in which the men's

seedings were announced after the draw for the rest of the field had already taken place. "You can put the seeds in and then make the draw, but you can't make the draw and then put the seeds in then. It's like

cheating. In my opinion they should re-do the draw," he said after his second-round defeat vesterday at the Canadian Open. Muster and the French Open champion, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, were seeded below their rankings, while several players, in-chiding the popular Americans, Andre Agassi and Michael

one top-16 player was left out of the seeds. "It seems to be that the ITF quarter of the draw that includes mission. If the protest is upheid, doesn't respect the ATP Tour Martina Hingis, the 16th seed. Tubbs will move up to second.

Chang, were bumped up, and

rankings, that's one thing, and it's seems like they can do whatever they want anyway," said Muster, who was seeded third for the year's final Grand Slam

tournament. "I'm getting pretty used to it," complained the Austrian elay-court specialist who, before pulling out with injury, was seeded seventh at Winhledon despite his No 2 ranking. Britain's No 1, Tim Henman.

is projected to face Muster should he progress from his first-round match against the expenenced Russian Andrei Ol-hovskiy. His British companiot, Greg Rusedski, has a kinder draw-a match against an American wild card, Jared Palmer. Rusedski is in the same quar-

ter as the top seed. Pete Sampras. who opens his defence against the Czech David Rikl. Meanwhile, Steffi Graf begins her defence against Yayuk Basuki, of Indonesia Arantza Sanchez Vicario, runner-up to Graf at the French Open and Wimbledon. starts against a qualifier in a

the odds for Jackson

Gold against

Paralymple Games

The equestrian team led another superb performance by British competitors at the 10th Paralympic Games yes-terday, securing four medals. Britain won 21 medals in all yesterday - five of them golds - putting them in a position to challenge Australia and the United States, the leading two medal winners.

Jo Jackson defied injury to ride to gold in Grade IV, havmg had only 30 minutes to familiarise herself with her horse after her original mount bolted during the warm-up and went lame. In the struggle to retain control, Jackson damaged

Patricia Straughan took silver in the same event, while Liz Stone collected a silver medal in Grade III. Di Tubbs got a bronze in Grade L Tubbs' medal could yet be improved since a German rider may have used a noncompetition horse without per-

Edwards 'interested' in Broncos' move

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

London Broncos have emerged as favourites to sign Shaun Edwards if Wigan cannot satisfy his need for assurances about his Edwards, the club's 29-year-

old captain, has told Wigan that he wants an extension of his contract, which has 16 months to run, or a move. The Wigan board is due to discuss the stance of the player, who has only been used as a substitute in recent games, next week. But London, who signed Ed-

wards' great friend, Martin Ofago, have already tried to stake a claim for his services.

extination at the moment, but if suspended for two matches af-Wigan did decide to let me go I would be interested in what le at Castleford last week. the Broncos would have to say," Edwards said. Offish's presence at the club

would not harm London's hopes The two players share the same spear tackle against Doncaster.

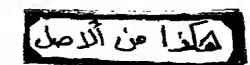
agent and Edwards already spends considerable time in London with his girl-friend, the M People singer, Heather Small. The Australian Rughy

League has offered to make all its contracted players available for the New Zealand-Great Britain Test series this autumn -but only if both countries drop their insistence on only playing opposition aligned to the rival Super League organisation. The ARL has banned Gary

Connolly, Jason Robinson and Lee Jackson from playing for Britain in the series. The St Helens coach, Shaun McRae, has turned down the chance to help New Zealand in

fiah, from Wigan three weeks the series. McRae, an Australian, says he wants a rest this winter. Pierre Chamorin, the Paris "My future is a matter for ne- St-Germain captain, has been ter being sent off for a high tack-

The Bramley player-coach, Ray Ashton, has been suspended for 16 games for two sendingsoff - eight for use of the knees of signing Edwards, against Barrow and eight for a



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Surrey limited by their lack of spin

Cricket

JON CULLEY reports from Trent Bridge Nottinghamshire 392-6

Surrey must find it irksome to be reminded as often as they are that they lack a decent spinner but there would be no use pretending that it played no part in their frustrations here yesterday, reinforcing the view that their title credentials are flawed as a

Nottinghamshire won the toss but after five consecutive defeats

Ashley Cowan performed a

hat-trick on his way to career-

hest figures of 5 for 68 against

Gloucestershire at Colchester.

The 21-year-old Essex fast

bowler removed Richard Davis

with the last ball of his 14th over

and then dismissed Martyn Ball

and Andy Smith with the open-

ing two deliveries off his 15th.

Gloucestershire innings to a

close by getting rid of Jack

Russell for 63 as the visitors

slumped from 242 for 5 to 280

By the close Essex, seeking

their fifth successive victory to

further boost their Champi-

onship hopes, had seized the ini-

tiative as Graham Gooch and

Darren Robinson put on 72

Ashley Giles staked another

claim for England 'A' recogni-

tion by teaming up with last man

Tim Munton to frustrate

Worcestershire at New Road.

class wickets this season, wield-

ed the hat to good effect to

Giles, who has taken 48 first-

The Warwickshire spinner

without loss.

Cowan also brought the

Round-Up

Cowan picks

up hat-trick

tle confidence. Tim Robinson sex, but Surrey again felt the and Ashley Metcalfe began need to fall back on Darren serenely enough but then both got themselves out, as did the captain, Paul Johnson, through poor strokes, a regrettable waste against undemanding bowling on an easy-paced pitch.

It was at this point, after Johnson's dismissal at 98 for 3 that Surrey must have wished that they had a Phil Tufnell or a Peter Such in their locker, someone canny enough to keep things tight but attempt a few more of the indiscretions to which their opponents bad al-ready shown themselves prone. One could not fault the effort in the Championship can have approached their task with lit-off-spinner acquired from Es-

a new Warwickshire record for

the last wicket in this fixture.

Warwickshire's South African

fast bowler, Shaun Pollock, will

leave the county next week to

return home for an immediate

operation on an injured left an-

top of the table was hinnted by

beavy rain that restricted the

first day against Glamorgan in Cardiff to just 42.5 overs in

which they made 128 for 1.

Kent's hatsman Graham Cow-

drey could face a disciplinary

charge from his county fol-

lowing his criticism in a news-

paper column of England

chairman of selectors Ray

Illingworth. Cowdrey, 32, ac-

cused Illingworth of "not hav-

ing the guts" to patch up his

differences with fast bowler De-

von Malcolm following their

public fall-out in South Africa

Phil Simmons hit his second

century of the season and Paul

Nixon compiled an unbeaten 67

to keep Leicestershire's chal-

lenge on course against Hamp-

Leicestershire in trouble at 167

The pair came together with

shire at Grace Road.

last winter.

Kent's progress towards the

most satisfying for some weeks. Downan's century was his first in the Championship in 16 first-class games, spread over three seasons, completed when he crashed his 15th boundary through the covers off Darren Bicknell. The same bowler was to claim his wicket shortly afterwards hut until that moment, ignoring Martin Bicknell's appeal for a catch at the wicket when Dowman was

Bicknell, their openings bats-

Bicknell's slow left-arm bowling claimed six Sussex wickets at Guildford last month in a Sur-

rey victory. He picked up two more yesterday, but not before

the initiative bad heen wrested

away from his county by

Matthew Dowman and Graeme

Archer, two young batsmen in need of better fortune, whose

partnership of 187 in 38 overs

was not only an entertaining spectacle but one that turned

the day into Nottinghamshire's

man, to help out.

66, it had been a chanceless innings that exuded authority. In 1993, Dowman made 267 for Young England against the West Indies at Hove and while it may still be pertinent to ask how it is that so little has been seen of him since, a few more innings as mature as this, which equalled his first-class career best, may lead Nottinghamshire to think themselves wise not to

have rushed him. Archer, who has had more chances but could have made more of them, began looking less secure than his partner but went on to prosper none the less. Disappointingly, he received little support from Chris Cairns, but after reaching his hundred with his 11th four he found a more adhesive partner Wayne Noon. When bad light forced an early finish, Archer was unbeaten on 143, after four and three-quarter hours at the crease, in a seventhwicket partnership worth 83.



Paul Nixon nudges Leicestershire's total along against Hampshire yesterday

Yorkshire regain momentum

MIKE CAREY

reports from Headingley Yorkshire 305 for 5 v Lancashire

Tradition has it that Roses matches are, to use the vernacular, nowt to do with anyone else. However, the outside world is watching this one with much interest to see if Yorkshire can regain their momentum after a series of setbacks and if Lancashire can do something about another season of underachievement in the Champi-

The puffs of dust emerging from a pitch so dry and cracked that it could have been specially

imported from one of Yorkshire Water's reservoirs suggested it was important for Yorkshire's batsmen to make the most of winning the toss and, up to a point, they did.

Apart from the unlucky Anthony McGrath they all made runs, even if some got themselves out when they were in, and David Byas will want the innings to grind relentlessly on this morning in the knowledge that batting will become increasingly less straightforward.

Lancashire have won only one Championship game and that was against Durbam, Only once hefore, in 1984, have they

Three strokes confirm touch of class

much to upset some members on the other side of the Pennines and by all accounts the natives are getting restless again.

They would not have been over-impressed with the way Lancashire used the new ball. The pitch may have looked greenish to the distant eye, but on a sunny morning there was no movement and therefore no margin for error, Martyn Mozon and Michael Vaughan wisely filled their boots while they could.

Lancashire left out the estimable Ian Austin for the second successive game. Like all good professionals, Austin was ended a season with a solitary less than happy at this but his ing taken 26 halls to get off the win. One-day trophies are all very well but it does not take very well but it does not take 20, only his third Championship something to build on today.

howling was a considerable plus for Lancashire on a difficult day. It was no mean achievement

to hit the splice or induce a hurried stroke on this pitch, but Green managed it. And after Gary Keedy, bowling accurately and mostly round the wicket, had induced errors from the openers, Green got his rewards in two successive overs. First Byas, aiming to whip him through midwicket, skewered a catch to cover off a leading edge. Then McGrath, working hard to rediscover a semblance of form, was undone by low bounce, but Craig White, hav-

Hill aims to settle title race quickly

Motor racing

DERICK ALLSOP reports from Spa-Francorchamps

A sunny Spa, a bright and pos-nive Damon Hill: what a difference a change of scenery can make. So much so that the championship leader has pub-licly declared his intention to be the championship winner in the next two races.

Victory here, in Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix, and in Italy, a fortnight later, will give him the title regardless of how his only challenger, his Williams-Renault team-mate Jacques Villeneuve, finishes. Such was Hill's mood when he arrived at Formula One's most spectacular and awe-inspiring circuit that the usual air of caution was jettisoned in favour of expressions of confidence and

purpose. Hill had, he said, practised his starts, a source of anxiety and lost points of late, and was encouraged by human and technical improvements. He also maintained that the atmosphere within the team had not been polluted by his claims of "confusion" and a difference of opinion over pit stop strategy, in the Hungarian Grand Prix, a fortnight ago.

A grand prix was a battleground, where the combatants had to think on their fect, he reasoned. He accepted there were certain factors from the team's point of view that were not necessarily evident in the heat of conflict. "I have no complaints about Hungary," he said. "We're professionals, we work as a team and there was

never a question of ill feeling." That unity extended to his relationship with Villeneuve and. after a family holiday in the South of France, he was focused on completing the champi-

onship campaign with a flourish. Hill, who leads the Canadian by 17 points, said: "I'm never complacent but I'm looking forward to finishing the season as quickly as possible. If I win here and at Monza it's all over, and I certainly have that in mind."

The 35-year-old Englishman has apparently flushed away the to haunt him in the immediate aftermath of his narrow defeat by Villeneuve at Budapest, and that should prove every hit as significant as better starts. He is adamant that he is justified in keeping his foot-operated clutch rather than the hand mechanism favoured by Villeneuve. And unlike the Hungaroring, this magnificent circuit will not summarily condemn a driver for a tardy

getaway. This is an authentic racetrack, a genuine test of driving skills. It is the circuit that ought 10 carry Hill within touching distance of his objective.

half century during an unbro-ken stand of 86 with Munton as the home side recovered to which rescued the side and set reach 343 for 8 at the close.

Sussex will not be re-registering Ed Giddins after be has served his 20-month ban for cocaine use.

A statement issued by the county yesterday said: "Whilst The secretary, Nigel Bett, but particularly in sport, is one of its players has been wrong and will not be tolerated.

Britannic Assurance

County Championship
First day of four unless stated: 11.0 today

Essex y Gloucestershire

COLCHESTER Eners (Apts), with all their flust-innings wickers standing, trail Glouces-tershire (2) by 208 runs.

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No return for Giddins "The committee came to the conclusion that it would be in the best interests of the club and the

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HENRY BLOFELD at The Oval

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Rugby Union Newport have signed Pierre Villepreux, the former Fiench International full-back, Bs coach for the new season.

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Northamptonshire v Sussex HORTHAMPTON: Sussex (Spin) have sooned 588 for 7 in their first lankings v North-scaptonshire (S). Susses won loss

Falt: 1-45, 2-95, 3-244, 4-261, 5-277, 6-280, 7-289,

To bet: J D Lewiy, R J Kirdey. Bowling Ambrose 17-6-40-0; Teylor 16-1-91-1: Capel 15-1-58-0; Emburay 29-7-75-2; Snape 15-2-49-0; Pembertry 15-4-38-4. Somerset v Durham Second day of four WESTON-SIPPER-MARKE: Somecast (Apts), with she first-lamings wickests standing, trail Durbons (3) by 80 mass. Unspires: A Clarison and J W Holder.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nothinghamshire (3pts) have ecored 392 for 9 in their first leadings v Surray (2). Nottinghamshire v Surrey

v Surrey (2).
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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – First Insings
R T Robinson o Rotetifie b Berjamin — 34
A A Metcasie c Butcher b Jusien — 21
G F Archer not out — 143
**P Johnson c Julian b Pearson — 13
M P Dowmen c & b O J Bedned — 107
C L Cairne c & b Pearson — 107
C L Cairne c & b Pearson — 24
K P Evans c Kersey b O J Bedned — 2
FW M Noon not out — 21
Extras (15, 169, 44, rb22) — 332
Falt 1-64, 2-63, 3-98, 4-285, 5-290, 6-309.
To but: R T Besse, M N Bowen, J A Afford.
Bowlingt, M P Bicknell 13-2-44-0; Benfarma To batt: R T Basso. M N Bowen, J A Africa Bowling: M P Biologist 32-244-0; Bergiaman 13-2-47-1; Julian 13-3-0-76-1; Hollosies 12-3-43-0; Penson 29-4-87-2; Shahid 4-0-27-0; D J Biolanel 15-0-51-2; SUBREY: 0 J Biolanel, M A Buscher, J O Rat-caffe, "A Discount J Hollosies, Nachern Shahid, 1G J Wassey, R M Penson B P Julian, M P Biol-nel, J E Bergiamin. Umpirest: T E Jesty and A A Jones.

Worcesterskire v Warwicks WORCESTER: Warwickshire (2pts) have scored 255 for 9 in their first insings v Worcesturekire (4).

social 255 for 9 in their fleet include v Worcesterelibre (4), the state of the s

Yorkshire v Lanceshire

HEADMOLEY: Yorkshire (3pts) have scored \$0.5 for 5 in their tirst inclings v Laccoshire Yorkshire won tots

Ro Stern.
Bording Merrin 16-4-58-0: Cruspple 10-1-48(; Green 19-5-62-2: Keedy 34-9-75-2: Windows 14-4-44-0; Gellen 7-2-20-1:
LAMCAS-MRED: S P Tochrent J F.R. Gallen, N J
Speak, N H Farbrocher, G D Loyd, "M Wattonson, W K Hegz, R J Green, G Keedy P J Warton,
G Choople. G Chappes. Usopines: J H Hacis and V A Holder.

DURHAM - First traings 326 (D M Cor 95 no. S L Campbel 69; G D Rose 7-73). 70. St. Carripcion 65; G. Vinste 77;
SOMBEISET - Pirat kindiggs
(Diemight: 71 for 1)
M. N. Lathwell C. Hutton b. Miller
1.0 Betty b. Brown
P. D. Bowler C. Ligarowood b. Brown
S. C. Ecclestone retired hurt

To bath †R J Turner, G D Rose, J I D Kerr, A P Van Troost.

THROP YOUTH TEST MATCH (First day of four): Nover England Under-19 345 for 7 (D) if Sales 136, D A Shah 91) v New Zoelend Under-19.
WEDNESDAYS LATE RESULTS: Secund XI Champtonship Gland day of thesely Ellends Vorhable 248 (C A Chapten 80, R A Kettledorough 63; K P Sheenz 4-34, J M at Averts 4-60] and 316 for 4 dec (A MoSrath 81, 2 Pentur-65no. C J Scholadd 66no); Chouesteathins 332 R I Desson 100, M J Cawdon 97, R C Williams 86; G Horniton 3-60) and 169 for 6 R J Cunfile 57, Mieleich dawn. Tedhilignore Katchees 367 for 8 dec (J C Harrison 122). J N Bethy 80, K P Dunch 61) and 220 for 6 dec (A J Straus 85, M A Feather Sano; N Aslera 3-73); Derbyshire 322 for 5 dec (I A Herrison 122). N Bethy 80, K P Dunch 61) and 220 for 6 dec (A J Straus 85, M A Feather 5-60; C N Herrison 123, J C Harrison 124, J N Bethy 100, K P Dunch 61) and 255 for 7 (Twests 88, M R May 50; I N Bleachest 4-56). Match driven. Hischiege Lacestaches 482 0 Sucisile 127, J M Delen 94, O Suserts 56; Somanset 235 (N N Hayhus 79, A Bother 56hol and 345 for 4 (D C L Mollows) 133, J C Hallest 63). Match driven. Hischiege Lacestaches 6th scoplements frinal day of two: Kidnore End Cobesine 108 (I Bloomfatt 5-39) and 265 for 2 (I A Hawthy 93, B C A Elson 63). Bertshere 178 (J Carus 5-66). A Licent 530; Bertshere 178 (J Carus 5-67). A Licent 540 for 5 (R J Lews 95, A W Thomas 4-67) and 188 for 4 (S Musgiove 55, S N Warman 55no). Lincolnishine who by the wickets. Theore Decon 355 for 9 (P M Roebuck 79, M P Bress 6-131) and 244 for 2 ht J Morgan 99, N R Gaywood 73, G T J Townson 53 not 279 (N H Thomas 97) and 273 (AC H Saymour 94, R Burne 95), N R Gaywood 73, G T J Townson 53 not 26 for 7 (P J S Jwess 194 for 5 (S M Brogan 83, O Ganham 63) and 236 for 8 (B M Brogan 83, O Ganham 63) and 236 for 8 (B M Brogan 83, O Ganham 63) and 236 for 8 (B M Brogan 83, O Ganham 63) and 236 for 9 (R M Brownson 66; P M Roebuck 5-63). Burne 96, M J Thomas 97) and 273 (AC H Saymour 94, R Gardan 96; P M Roebuck 5-63, March drawn. Burnewack Carthsfrac 245 for 5 (B A Radier) 810

Athletics The British Athletic Federation are to set.

the stresh Atriaco receizable are to set up an international onit almed at producing success in Olympic and major championships. The unit, which could handle up to 200 leading athletes, would include coaching, competition, team management, selection, medical and scientific support. Britain's Dean Macey yesterday won a siver medal in the decathlon at the World Britain's Dean Miscay yesterday won a silver mercial in the decardinon at the World Junior Championships in Sydney with 7,480 points, 102 behind Hungary's Attita Zisvotziy, Another British medal went to Nathen Mongan, who took the long jump bronze with 8 leap of 7.74 metres. WORLD JUNGOR CHAMPHONSHIPS (Sydney) Ment J.D. Storm State 1, 60 Obteck (Nighta) 10.2 leap 25 Ogarleap Register 10.25; 3 F Seat-en on 10.43; 4 Hentrom (Bill 10.45; 5 Other-bers (Bill 10.47; Long Jung final: 1, A Lusiachibetto (Rid) 7.9 lin; 2 R Fernander (St) 7.75; 3 Morgan (Bill 7.74, Discuss Rest) 1.0 Action 10.45; 3 F Seat-en on 10.45; 5 G. Zenevez 2 R Vargo Paul 55; 20; 3 J Cazznas Hensmider (Cabil) 54.85; 10,000m units: 1 F Fernander (Sp) 30mm 38.25sac; 2 D Marcutz (Sp) 41:03,73; 3 N Decision (Bus) 41:11,44; 12 J Costh ph 45:02,76; 20 J Ren (H) 45:23,38. Describion: 1 A Zisvotziy (Run) 7,552pt; 2 D Maccy (Bill 7.480; 3 C Member (Run) 45:00,000; 12 A Andeson (Ris) 1.48; 3 E Miser (Gen) 11.48; 3.00mm fiss: 1 A Naro-ve (Bull 11.32; 2 A Andeson (Ris) 1.48; 3 E Miser (Gen) 11.48; 3.00mm fiss: 1 A Naro-ve (Bull 11.32; 2 E Tartisigne (Bh) 8:33,77.

LIKE STAND PREK (Numberts, Wed) Labe sneutral Mem's 50,00m; 1 (K Chaplato Pen) 13:42,79; 3 J Berr (Hen) 13:35;53, Long Jung; 1 K Streath-Thompson (Bill 13.34; 2 J Greene (US) 8.20; 3 E Bangue (P) 8.03.77.

P Van Troost.
Bouling: Brown 22-8-71-2; Saggers 15.1-2-82-0; Cox 23-8-52-1; Hilleen 10-2-34-1; Bainbridge 4-2-9-0
Umplement M O Bird and R A White. Other matches

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MALYSUM OPEN (Quale Lempur): Man's glogles, third round: Lee Yigang (China) to Hwang
Sur-he (S Not) 15-3 15-7; Jeson Wong (Melay) to
Abdu Samed Ismed (Melay) 16-18 15-2 17-14;
P Kentharoper (Melay) to I year Delt (Meth 1511-18-14; W India (Tolon) to Parg Chen (Melay)
15-6 6-15-15-7; Hu Zhen (China) to N Subanacro (priori) 5-15-18-15-6; H Susamo (Indonese) to Fung Permata (Jel) 15-8-15-12.
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Liapan) to M Borg (See) 11-6-11-6; Sun San (Ch-

Rugby League

Rugby Union CLUB MATCHES: Goucester v Pontypnoti (7,30); Meltose v Newcaste (6,30). Speedway SPJETSCHWIST
7.30 Unices Stated
PREMIUR LEAGUE: Colord v Reading,
SPJEEDWINY STAR ROVICK-CUT; CUP QuarterRanks ascend lag; Belle Yue; (45) v Wohethampton (45); Petersbrough (45) v London (51).
COMPRENCE LEAGUE: Arona Essex v Swindon (6.0).

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